

St. Mary's Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes
Parish Hall
July 20, 2009
5:15-6:15 PM

Members Present: Steve Givens, Tommy Rose, Rick Silva

Members Absent: John Prohaska, James Hutto, Charles Whatley, Mary Davis, Travis Gamble

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The leadership gathering was discussed. It was decided that the gathering would take place after the renewal, when commitment cards had been returned. This would allow for follow up information to be distributed to ministry leaders at the gathering. Tentative dates are 11/2,3 or 11/9,10. Tommy will follow up with Fr. Jerry to set the date. CSC will provide invitation template, parish staff will mail.

Renewal materials were presented for review. This year the commitment card will have a ~2 line description of the ministry next to it. Benefits include allowing the commitment card to be more of a "stand alone" document. Tommy has verified that the printer can fit the extra text onto the card. The ministry catalog will still be included in the renewal packet, however it will be a more simple, condensed version. The commitment card will also need to have youth programs broken out into "participant" and "adult volunteer" to reduce confusion for volunteers and leaders. CSC will provide revised literature for review by the commission.

The SC will have a more hands on role in the follow up calls this year. It was agreed that the SC would make phone calls to ministry leaders to ensure that leaders are following up with parishioners who returned commitment cards. It was suggested that the SC also make some random calls and calls to parishioners who returned cards last year but not this year. It was estimated that this would not require more than 15-20 calls per SC member.

Tommy noted that the parish has decided not to have an Oktoberfest this year, but will instead host an international celebration later in the year. The SC agreed that a stewardship or volunteer appreciation was an important part of the renewal. The SC will coordinate with the parish office to tie these events together.

New members for the SC were discussed. Alice Hagler and Kim Welsh have accepted invitations to join. There are now 10 members on the commission. Names for one more member will be submitted and considered by the commission.

Next meeting is 8/17/09 at 5:15 in the Parish Hall.

The meeting was closed with prayer.