

## Stewardship Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2017

**Mission:** The Stewardship Committee strives to help parishioners recognize their many and varied God given gifts, and to encourage them to use their time, talent and treasure in the service of others.

**Vision:** St. Matthias parishioners receive God's gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible and accountable manner, and return them joyfully to the Lord.

*Present: Steve I, Matt, Jim, Steve K. and Judi*      *Excused: Gary, Carol, Sharon*

1. Opening prayer
2. *Steve I was in Minneapolis and DeKalb, IL. Read some stewardship columns from other parishes. Interesting how other parishes approach stewardship.*
3. *Attendance at mass. Fall 2016 is up over fall 2015. Spring 2017 is down compared to spring 2016.*
4. Review and approve minutes from last meeting **All**
5. Stewardship invited to Parish Council Meeting February 28 at 6:30 in Steiger Hall **Matt H Will talk next month**
  - a. We are going to do the 1% Challenge for anyone on the committee willing to spend 15 minutes in prayer and Scripture reading. **Jeff to bring the pamphlets** *We received the 1% cards and will try*
  - b. Time and Talent confirmed dates:
    - i. 3-18/19 Jeff to speak at all Masses, 3-25/26 Commitment pamphlets collected
    - ii. How did it go overall? *Good*
    - iii. What went right? *Liked Jeff talking instead of individuals, pamphlet was excellent, stay with the same time table.*
    - iv. What could be improved for next time? *Update website the same time as mailing goes out.*
  - c. Update status of collection results **Carol** *Talked about the email from Carol. The number returned is not bad and more will come in as the weeks go on. Jeff will include an announcement on Palm Sunday to remind people to turn them in.*
6. Mike suggests that Stewardship, Evangelization and Pastoral Council to get involved in an outreach effort. We discussed the results of our brainstorming and came up with two major categories: **All, With Mike retiring, how do we handle this? How does this fit with #5 above?** *Didn't cover*
  - a. Personal invitations to new people to come to St. Matthias; Mike took this as his project to lead. This could include a month long initiative, moving around the church, etc.
  - b. Creating a process to integrate guests and new parishioners. This could consist of: sign up process, follow up, special welcome opportunity breakfast, mentor new members, weekly gathering for coffee, pew cards in church, etc. We are looking for a volunteer to lead this.
  - c. Decided to copy Don Schulz from Communications and Mary Beth from Evangelization on the Stewardship minutes in an effort to keep them informed as to what we are working on.
7. Monitor St Matthias web: understand where we are and where we want to get to **Steve K and all** *Steve K gave review of website and Steve I has actions items. Next assignment is to review smartphone app.*
8. Prayer as the third leg of stewardship; how can we fit that in better? Judi uses a prayer 1 per month in bulletin **All, Clarify what we want to do here** *Didn't cover*
9. Review Dave's Updated Stewardship Committee Action Plan (as time allows) **Steve, All** *Didn't cover*
10. Update on ads in community papers **Steve K, the ads were cancelled, discuss in June** *Jim showed Shepard Express ads. Possible new place to advertise?*
11. Confirm date for next meeting: **Wednesday May 10th**
12. Closing Prayer