

Stewardship Committee – Meeting Minutes

1-17-08 held at Parish Conference Room

Attendees:

Bobby McClure
Brusle Sherburne
Kathy Adams
Janet Florey
Tammy Tucker

Agenda followed: Meeting notes in “BOLD”

1. Prayer & reading (**Brusle**)

Prayer/reading from “Living Faith” Catholic Daily Devotional (B.Mc.)

1 John 4:10 In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

The old adage “it is better to give than to receive” is often true in our relationships with others. But in our relationship with God, it is better to receive than to give. If we don’t receive the gifts of life and strength from God, we have nothing to give to others.

The initiative in giving always rests with God. Of course it’s true that we are responsible for developing our gifts and sharing them with others. But it’s also true that our gifts are ultimately from God, and God is the one who enables us to develop and to share them. The primacy in gift giving is always God’s. People who understand this cannot help but praise God with an overflowing sense of gratitude, because they know that ultimately everything they have has been received.

Lord, May I remember where my gifts come from. May my relationship with you always be colored by a deep sense of gratitude. For without you, I would have nothing to enjoy, and nothing at all to share with others.

Fr. Kenneth E. Grabner

2. Welcoming Committee update

Some questions arose concerning the new Welcome Station in the vestibule. Past Welcoming Committee minutes have indicated that a new Welcome Book was going to be formulated and replace the loose pages that the Stewardship Committee has on the podium. Also Jan Florey is still collecting those loose pages and forwarding welcoming packets to newcomers. B.Mc. is having breakfast w/ David Stringer of the Welcoming Committee and forward these questions and update committee.

3. RCIA Rite of Election Reception w/ Archbishop February 9th
The Deanery wide RCIA Rite of Election Reception will be held following 5:30 mass on Saturday 9th. Requests and announcements have been made for volunteers for assistance with the reception. We will hold a coordination meeting on Weds. 23 following mass to assign volunteers to duties. It appears to date that Lizz Wilson of the Welcoming Committee has at least 5 or more people and will have them at the meeting.

4. International Catholic Stewardship Council – ICSC membership
We have received e-mailed bulletins that I have forwarded along to Committee members, but thus far have not found any invaluable information in them. Please keep reading them as they are received and let me know what you may find of interest.

5. Lenten Meager Meals
It has been requested that the Stewardship & Welcoming Committee’s together host a Friday nights Meager Meal on March 14th following Stations of the Cross. We will discuss and arrange duties a couple weeks prior. In advance I appreciate all the efforts you may be able to assist with here.

6. Stewardship Corner

January	Jan has some extra’s she will fill in for the remainder of the month.
February	Erin / John
March	Bobby / Fr. Charles
April	Diane / Kathy
May	Tammy / Brusle
June	Greg / Janet

8. St. Mary’s Parish in Opelika
We have been asked by Fr. Kane of St. Mary’s parish in Opelika to hold a work session with a group of individuals from his parish to explain the formation and duties of our ministry . Brusle, John and myself are scheduled to attend this function at St. Mary’s on Thursday January 31st at 6:30 pm.

9. New Business Topics
 - a. **Hospitality / Reception Committee**
 - b. **All members of S.C. to review past years minutes and bring up ideas and issues that were possibly listed but not yet undertaken.**
 - c. **Strategic Parish Calendar for Stewardship input – request made to office.**
 - d. **Ministries Roundtable and Time and Talent publications – ideas:**
 1. **Do not invite all ministries.**
 2. **Just those in need of assistance or maybe individuals who may need direction or assistance from our committee.**

3. **Maybe also include the chairs of the Welcoming Committee in order to get there current status since their new beginning.**
4. **Remove old ministries as discussed that are not active.**
5. **No need for members wishing to continue active to fill out brochure and recommit.**
6. **Parish questionnaire for Stewardship Committee with lists of questions and possible directions that the parishioners wish we look into.**
7. **Schedule our Ministry Reception and Social**

10. Next Meeting - Tuesday February 19, 2008 at 7:00pm

**Special prayer intentions for the soul of Fr. Williams and Fr. Labodie.
For the blessings of the Stringer marriage (David and Daniel)-Welcoming
Committee and for the health and recovery of Kathy Adam's nephew Mr.
John LaBove and the strength of his mother Maggie.**