

# Stewardship Committee Meeting Notes – Feb 19, 2014

The Stewardship Committee met in the South portion of the Social room at 5:15 pm Wednesday, Feb 19.

**Members present:** Pastoral Council Liaison Todd Clancy, Bill Haas, Steve Joerger, Beth McPhail, Emil Polashek.

The meeting began with prayer + reading and reflection on the Gospel reading for Sunday Feb 23.

Members shared their thoughts on Positives, Negatives and Lessons Learned regarding the February 8 Stewardship Appreciation Dinner. Please see below.

## Positives

1. Comments received were generally positive.
2. Decoration and set up went well.
3. The advance planning paid off.
4. Food serving went fine.
5. Young people appreciated being involved. Liked the food, too.
6. Young people began eating at ~6:45 p.m.; adults followed (later than desired). Mass was longer than usual because the Sacrament of the Sick was administered.
7. We had plenty of food & cake (leftovers to KCs, CDA, Food Pantry). Greg was generous.
8. People enjoyed the Pope Francis Ragtime Band (even the movements led by Angi Nespor).
9. We had enough red wine (only slightly more than one liter was left).
10. Guests mostly bussed their own dishes; all cleanup was completed by 9:30 p.m.
11. We had enough help.

## Negatives:

1. Red beans & rice was not a hit (too bland?)
2. White wine was gone before food serving began.
3. We had more beer than we needed. (Only 30 of 78 cans were consumed.)

## Lessons Learned:

1. 190 reserved + Anna reserved for 25-30 more => 215-220.  
~6 more said they had made reservations => 221-226.  
31 were no-shows, so approximately 190-195 were served.
2. It helps to serve food from both sides of the serving tables; it helps to have a director at the head of the serving table.
3. We need three people assigned for washing dishes (receiving, rinsing; washing; putting away) in order to handle the rush when all the dishes begin to be brought to the kitchen.
4. We need to have more than one person assigned for final cleanup of the floor.  
We need to be sure, too, that there enough brooms, etc. available.
5. We need two more large trash cans (in addition to the two normally available in the kitchen).

## Future Events:

Stewardship Committee members were asked to be available for handing out Time & Talent Opportunities booklets and response forms **at all Masses on March 1 & 2**, and for handing out Stewardship of Prayer pamphlets **at all Masses on March 8 & 9**.

**During Lent** one or more Committee members will be needed to facilitate parish sponsored small group study/discussion sessions following ***A Way of Life: Four Faith-Sharing Sessions about Sacrificial Giving, Stewardship, and Grateful Caretaking***, by Joseph Champlin, Liturgical Press.

## Discussion:

Those present discussed the following:

- How can we better motivate parish members to share time, talent and resources?
- What benefits can we enumerate as having resulted from our members sharing time, talent, and resources?
- If (for example, in a parish census) we were to collect and later share data concerning the activities, service hours contributed and benefits perceived we might create more appreciation of the benefits of good stewardship.

## Prayer & Adjournment:

The meeting ended with the Stewardship prayer (Red binder, p 49) and adjournment at approximately 6:40 p.m.