

## **Saint Cecilia Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, August 9, 2017  
St. Clare Room 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Steve Hunke (Chairperson), Bill Haas, Mary Staniger, Jim Stuart, Francine White

**Excused:** Steve Joerger, Emil Polashek

**Staff:** Katie Patrizio, Char VanKerckVoorde, Jarrett Wendt

- I. Call to Order
- II. Prayer/Reflection/Discussion
- III. A Church On The Move - Chapters 21 – 25  
The discussion led to the following suggestions during Mass:
  1. Include the participation of parishioners while increasing the frequency of sprinkling water during the year.
  2. Include an invitation to the readings during the announcements.
  3. Increase times for silence during prayer.
  4. Add a monitor so that lectors and musicians can hear better and improve the quality of the liturgy.
- IV. Called & Gifted Update – Francine White
  - A. Francine White and Kathy Wipf met with Fr. Secora to share the results of the Called & Gifted events that took place 2016 – 2017. The results included the number of participants and results of surveys. With the encouragement and support of Fr. Secora, Francine and Kathy will report the success to the parish and continue the program growth. This will include continued opportunities for all levels of participation in the Called & Gifted process. Specifically, large group, small group, interviews, continuing discernment will be available to parishioners. The information will be disseminated in paper form and digitally.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Meeting with the Finance Committee
    1. LPI free assessment is being done. There are no results at this time.
  - B. Meeting with EC Representative Peter Andrastek
    1. Peter provided the committee with a vision of EC for the parish and the city of Ames. It was well received and provided a launch for the Stewardship Committee to join with EC leadership in prayer and encouragement for success of the mission.
  - C. Bill Haas noted that the proposed agenda does not include time for work on the approved Parish Stewardship Plan.

## VI. New Business

- A. Katie Patrizio led the group in an exercise to help us think about the people Jesus has put before us as we begin our work together with EC. Each individual was asked to think about the following questions. In Jesus' name, how do I love them now? How can I help change a person's life, to follow Jesus?
- B. Katie offered the committee two proposals. Proposal 1 was to the Stewardship Committee as a whole. Proposal 2 was to each individual. Both proposals are Divine work calls. Katie asked the members to pray about the decision to answer the call at this time.
1. Proposal 1 to the Stewardship Committee was a request to lead an outreach team of 15 to 30 people who would essentially run the logistics for the Real Life Catholic Event: Parish REBOOT, Sept 12, 2018. The event is scheduled to be held at the Ames City Auditorium and will include speaker: Chris Stefanick. This event will be open to the public and it is expected to sell out. The team will be responsible for working directly with Real Life Catholic organizers to provide information and workers for the event and any jobs necessary prior to the event.
  2. Proposal 2 to each member of the Stewardship Committee was a request to be trained as an EC group leader. This is an opportunity to grow close as a community of people. A new training session will be starting in October. The training lasts for 16 weeks meeting once per week for 90 minutes. With a start date in October, it is expected that each trained leader will begin a group during Lent.
- C. Columbarium
1. Please contact Sue Stanton ([merton420@hotmail.com](mailto:merton420@hotmail.com)), if interested in joining a team researching a columbarium option at StC.

VII. Next Stewardship Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

VIII. Prayer/Adjournment

*Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Staniger*