

## Saint Cecilia Stewardship Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017  
St. Louis Room 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Steve Hunke (Chairperson), Reno Berg, Bill Haas, Steve Joerger, Emil Polashek, Mary Staniger, Francine White

**Excused:** Char VanKerckVoorde

**Staff:** Jarrett Wendt

- I. Call to Order
- II. Prayer/Reflection/Discussion
- III. Welcome:
  - A. New Parish Council Representative, Reno Berg to the Stewardship Committee
  - B. Mary Staniger as Stewardship Chair
- IV. A Church On The Move - Chapters 26 - 30
  - A. The discussion led to the following:
    1. There is an appreciation of homilies that include personal witness, motivation and inspiration of the Word in the scripture. With small groups and the 1% challenge, there seems to be an added interest when parishioners read the readings prior to Mass.
    2. When a belief exists that resources from God are given to be shared with others, charitable giving occurs.
    3. There is interest in sharing a Moment of Truth with the parish. A Moment of Truth is defined as a spotlight of how our mission is affecting others through one ministry at a time. It was suggested to request a Moment of Truth be shared by Father after communion at Mass, periodically.
- V. The August 09, 2017 minutes were approved.
- VI. Called & Gifted Update – Francine White
  - A. Francine White and Kathy Wipf have completed a Called & Gifted flyer to be included in the upcoming parish mailing. An email was sent to all Called & Gifted large group participants who did not complete the interview and/or did not participate in the small group sessions. If there is interest, Francine and Kathy would like to provide opportunities for completion of the interviews and small group sessions to these participants.
  - B. In planning to offer Called & Gifted workshops to others, Francine and Kathy plan to visit with EC small groups and ministries.
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Committee decision on Real Life Catholic
    1. The committee requested more information on the tasks required to lead the Reboot 2018 Outreach Team. It was suggested that a timeline be made available from Katie Patrizio. The committee showed interest in generating a list of possible team members. There was no decision made to commit to leading the Reboot 2018 Outreach Team.
  - B. Review of Annual Stewardship Plan 2017 – 2018
    1. The Stewardship Plan 2017 - 2018 is under construction. A rough draft including points for consideration is listed below.

**Annual Stewardship Plan Discussion  
2017 - 2018**

<b>Stewardship Initiatives</b>	<b>Status</b>
1. Develop, implement, and annually review a parish stewardship plan with an emphasis on gratitude, time, talent and treasure	Yellow
2. Develop a successful process for regularly approaching parishioners to ensure financial resources for lifelong faith formation and parish operations (Shared with Finance Committee)	Yellow
3. Implement processes for recruiting, forming, placing & mentoring lay catechists (Led by Faith Formation)	Yellow
4. Create an ad hoc committee to explore a part-time staff position to coordinate communication strategy utilizing all media (Led by Pastoral Council)	Red

The committee's immediate goal is to prioritize responsibilities of the St. Cecilia Stewardship committee based on three documents, St. Cecilia Stewardship Purpose and Responsibilities, the Archdioceses of Dubuque Stewardship Purpose and Responsibilities, and the Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy Award Criteria and Instructions.

Current action items being discussed for inclusion in the 2017 - 2018 plan:

1. Support of Called and Gifted.
2. Support EC 1% Prayer Challenge.
3. Support training of EC small group leaders.
4. Support Reboot 2018 Outreach Team.
5. Support of LPI assessment to develop a process of regular approach to parishioners encouraging stewardship as a way of life.
6. Support Financial Peace University.
7. Organize the Celebration of Participation in Ministries.

VIII. New Business

A. LPI Assessment

1. The LPI Assessment was not accepted as complete. Therefore, it was not shared.

B. 2017 Stewardship Report

1. This discussion was tabled. The committee has questions that need to be addressed. Further discussion will continue at the October meeting.

C. New meeting time for Stewardship Committee meetings will be the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

IX. Next Stewardship Committee Meeting: Monday, Oct. 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Louis room.

X. Prayer/Adjournment

*Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Staniger*