

Minutes from May 9, 2006 Stewardship Committee Meeting

In attendance: Tom Schneider, Tom Marciniak, Markene Kaminski, Larisa Knorr, Elizabeth Ruthmansdorfer, Debbie Bruening

- I. Formation: We spent time discussing the Good Shepherd and doing reflections.
- II. Reports: Minutes were approved. We discussed the monthly reports. We are 1.6% ahead of last year. Discussion regarding reflecting the school's role in parish events. We discussed a possible bar graph in the bulletin of the weekly giving because, "a picture says a thousand words." We discussed the idea of a letter indicating where we are for our school financial stewardship goal versus our church goal to help school families/church families understand the link between the two, the differences between the two and why they need each other in relation to subsidy, etc.
- III. New Member Social: Markene did the invites. Christie and Beth did the phone call follow up. Christie, Steve, Beth, & Tom were at the Event. All were pleased. We discussed doing two more next year.
- IV. Survey: Markene will summarize the responses. We can use them as part of a Buzz article of "new members think that...."
- V. Parish Stewardship: we wanted to recreate the ministry fair. Sign over the kitchen part of which groups are hosting each weekend. Thank you letters personalized for the families that contribute. We discussed the idea of an "adopt a family" between existing members and new members.
- VI. Brainstorming:
 - The back door exit came up again – what to do about it. We thought we would wait and see if anything changes with the new configuration.
 - Envelopes – change from Flowers to Flowers/environment
 - Do ministry fairs and baskets again.
 - Thank you cards for visitors
 - Advertising to new families in area
 - Vacation Bible school
 - Need to work on recruiting new members