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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 11, 2008

Attending: Tom Schneider, Larisa Knorr, Christy Parr, Kristin Fields

Excused: Beth Ruthmansdorfer, Kelly Bigelbach

I. Opening prayer/faith sharing: Tom led opening prayer and question of the week discussion.

II. Review and approval of minutes: minutes from 9-2-08 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. Reports: Monthly review of Financial Stewardship was reviewed and discussed.

IV. Formation: review from best practice book. It is believed that Kelly B. has the book and will be contacted by Tom.

V. Stewardship Renewal Forms:

*Status of the Stewardship renewal was discussed and reviewed with 373 returned; 311 with financial pledges. Pastoral Staff have been given names of everyone who has signed up for a ministry to either contact or have a committee chair contact. We are not following up with pastoral staff this year to check on follow through.

*Thank you notes from committee members to new volunteer-sign ups was discussed. Tom will work on getting list from pastoral staff members.

VI. ASCB Report: Beth attended meeting; the Stewardship Cmt. report to ASCB was reviewed and approved.

VII. New Member Social: Details for upcoming New Member Social were discussed including follow up calls, babysitting needs and total number of people coming with assignments made.

VIII. Return to Basics Discussion:

*Stewardship focus for remainder of year was discussed and will be focus of next meeting

*Stewardship assessment tool form which we used in the past will be copied and picked up in mailbox so it can be reviewed for ideas before next meeting. This will include the assessment and the action ideas.

*weaknesses were discussed: mentioned that stewardship education on website is a weakness; Stewardship education will be promoted during Capital Campaign we're told by the Archdiocese.

*Beth R. will now co-chair Stewardship committee with Larisa K.; Kristin F. will be secretary.

IX. Next Meeting: set for Tuesday, Dec. 9th

