

St. Matthew Parish

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Stewardship Committee Minutes: August 5, 2009

Attending: Larisa Knorr, Christie Parr, Beth Ruthmansdorfer, Kristin Fields, Tom Schneider

- I. **Opening prayer:** Tom faith sharing
- II. **Minutes:** June minutes were reviewed and approved
- III. **Financial:** briefly reviewed year-end financial stewardship analysis; almost \$30,000 below budget and \$9,000 below last year.
- IV. **“Living Your Strengths” book discussion:** group sharing of 5 “signature strengths/themes by each group member along with examples of these. This strengths-based stewardship approach is an innovative, researched based innovative model for parish ministry—promoting “engagement” through tapping stewards’ God-given talents with appropriate church ministries rather than “plugging parishioners into” our parish leadership and ministry needs. A couple years ago, our Pastoral Staff explored this same book and model as part of their staff retreat.
- V. **Stewardship Renewal: 2009-10**
*Plan to meet 8-17-09 to plan for ministry fair (set up, booth, decorations, etc)
- VI. **Next Meeting:** Monday, August 17 6:30
*Ministry Fair planning & Stewardship Renewal Weekend processes on September 12-13th.
*Sept ministry of month