



**Stewardship Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 14, 2010**  
**7:00 – 8:10 p.m.**  
**Notre Dame Meeting Room**

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Attendees: Susan Crook, Eric Gunderson, Kathy Phillippi, Terri Willaert

Minute Taker: Mary Beth Ineson

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1. Mission Statement

The mission statement was distributed and reviewed. *The Stewardship Commission will lead the parish community to stewardship as a way of life through formation, prayer, hospitality and service in response to their baptismal call to discipleship.*

2. Stewardship Commission – Who are we?

Our purpose is to weave the thread of stewardship through all of the commissions and ministries. We do this through the articles we write for the bulletin and for the newsletter, Extra. We have tasks (Ministry Booklet and Annual Renewal Weekends) and ministries, but we oversee these through a liaison on our commission. The group discussed that our commission needs to start from the basics of Stewardship. For the coming year, our vision and focus will be on the spirituality of Stewardship. Stewardship is not about money. Formation needs to precede service. We need to commit to prayer and emphasize the ways we can increase prayer in our parish:

- Sunday Mass
- Spending time in Adoration in the Chapel
- Pick a family in the directory and praying for them
- Pray for our Church, our Parish leadership, our staff, our Parish family

Another idea for this year is for each of us to bring one or two new people into our commission/committees to work with us. This will help bring more people into the commission and increase the understanding of stewardship.

We need to understand where stewardship is in the Parish. Terri will provide copies of the Pastoral Letter for the new members. We will review the letter as part of our meetings. The group also wants to meet with Fr. Zehren and Mike Lentz in the next 2 weeks to understand the Stewardship vision at Epiphany. We also need a staff liaison on the commission, maybe a priest if possible.

3. Ministry Booklet

It has been three years since we revised the ministry booklet. That committee has been actively working on the revisions over the summer, and the booklet will be ready next month. Kelly Vaaler is doing the majority of this work, compiling the summaries from the ministries. The theme this year is *Built with our hands, Sustained by faith, Growing in love.*

4. Annual Renewal Weekends

The annual renewal weekends this year will be 11/6-7, 11/13-14, and 11/20-21. The group suggested having each of our priests speak at all of the masses each weekend. For example Fr. Abbott one weekend, Fr. Carlson one weekend, and Fr. Zehren one weekend.

5. Next Meeting

We need to determine our meeting schedule, but this task was deferred until after the meeting with Fr. Zehren and Mike Lentz. Mary Beth will send the group available dates and times for the future meetings after that time.