

Minutes of the February 7, 2008 Stewardship Commission Meeting

Attendees: Deacon John Nicholson, Fr. Michael Bova Conti, Elisa Riedl, Ursula Lyons, Jim McCarthy

Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship: Deacon John reported that he had a phone discussion with Susan Edwards who is planning a Stewardship symposium in the fall. She is seeking possible topic areas. We suggest: electronic communications tools, and methods for measuring the effectiveness of your stewardship programs.

Ministry Directory: Deacon John has forwarded a final draft to the Commission and to parish staff.

- ❖ Submit your final edits to Deacon John by Thurs, Feb 14. Target date to the printer is Feb 15.
- ❖ The Gifts Discernment brochure would be submitted in the same timeframe. Paper quality might be glossy black and white.

Ministry Fair: Scheduled for weekend of March 8 & 9. “Stewardship, a Journey of Faith and Service” is the chosen theme, to tie into the Archdiocese of Boston bicentennial theme. Although the parish hall space may be somewhat limited because of the lift construction project, the decision is to proceed with the planned dates.

- ❖ Jim McCarthy to issue a proposed floor layout by Feb 14, showing where each exhibiting ministry would be located.
- ❖ Elisa Riedl to put together an automatic-rolling slideshow, with possibly 40-50 photos from various ministries. Submit photos to Elisa.
- ❖ Deacon John to re-issue updated ministry liaison spreadsheet and ministry checklist which was distributed at the Jan 9 planning meeting
- ❖ Liaisons should re-contact their assigned ministries week of Feb 11 to remind them that the fair is less than one month away. Ask them whether they need any special assistance. Also send them the ministry checklist.
- ❖ Stewardship Commission members should think of possible parishioners who could give good lay witness talks at the end of Masses. Mark Nevils is ready, willing, and able! We need to select the lay witnesses in February.
- ❖ Jim McCarthy will finalize the ministry chart (looks like an organization chart) which can be blown up and printed on card-stock at a printer and put on an easel. Copies of the chart can also be used as bulletin inserts in advance of the fair.

- ❖ Ursula Lyons and Deacon John to explore publicity possibilities, e.g. Town Crier articles, photos. Recommendation is that Sat 5:00pm or Sun 9:30am Masses be targeted.

Interim Stewardship Commission Meeting: Monday, Feb 25, at 7:30pm, for those who can make it, to assess status of Ministry Fair tasks.

Next Monthly Stewardship Commission Meeting: Thursday, Mar 6, 2008 at 7:30pm