

STEWARDSHIP CORE COMMUNITY  
MINUTES  
02/22/09

Attending: Bill and Cookie Zimmer, Tom and JoAnne McBrearty, Rick and Kathy Ricker, Dave Brannon  
Guests: Gene and Sharon Wilcox, Wendy and Michael Soto

Scripture and Faith Sharing: Philip. 4:4-9

MINISTRY RETREAT

Date: Saturday, April 18. 9 am – 4 pm

We brainstormed on the content of the retreat. We wanted to focus on a message of hope rather than discouragement. We wanted people to come away with an appreciation of how God's word addresses financial issues, how all that we have belongs to God including time, talent and our treasure and possessions. We also talked about making the talks simple and relatable. Kathy had attended the "Fasting from our Clutter" seminar and said that the breaking into small groups and addressing 4 different topics and then reporting back to the larger group was very effective. We want the day to lead into an invitation to attend the entire Crown Ministries class, but we don't want to advertise it as Crown or as Financial Stewardship but use a more catchy title that appeals to everyone. We decided that our audience this time is not just those in active ministry but the entire parish since this message is so needed by everyone today. We want to focus on learning to be content in all circumstances (Philip 4:12) and an awareness that all that we have belongs to God. We also discussed setting priorities in our family and parish family. I'm sure there are other thoughts that I didn't get down in my notes. We said that the publicity should not use Crown logos, but should be more generic. We will need a bulletin announcement by March 22, a flyer on April 5. We won't be able to make a pulpit announcement unless we do it the last weekend in March since April 5 is Palm Sunday and April 12 is Easter.

During the next few weeks, the Wilcoxes and Sotos will get together and work on the content, including name of the Retreat and publicity information. Two suggestions for names: "Hope for Today" and "Believing God and His Promises". There will need to be something in the title or subtitle that indicates we are addressing money and stewardship issues. We anticipate that there will be a lot of interest and we will need to take registrations before hand to a total of about 130 people.

The Core Community will take care of all the logistics of the retreat, including food, handouts, set up and registrations and Crown will take care of providing the speakers and content of the retreat.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

All agreed that Marvin and Michelle's witness was outstanding. We will see how the response is to the appeal to turn in the Intention Form in the next month. The Finance Council is concerned about recent decreases in the Offertory Collection and the effect it will have on parish operations.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Pat is forwarding the Green Team Minutes to the Stewardship Core Community. They have made a good start on a number of projects to help Good Shepherd "Go Green". These include building awareness activities for parishioners and evaluating parish operations to see how we can improve. We hope to work with the ministries to help them make all events "greener".

Next meeting: March 15, 7:30 pm to review progress on the retreat