

STEWARDSHIP CORE COMMUNITY
MINUTES
03/29/09

Attendees: Bill and Cookie Zimmer, Kathy Ricker, Gene and Sharon Wilcox, Tom and Joanne McBrearty, Pat Beckett

Scripture and Faith Sharing: Psalm 24:1-6

Business

MINISTRY RETREAT

Tom and JoAnne passed out an outline for the Ministry Retreat. The sessions are:
God's Plan vs. the World's Plan – Tom and Debbie Printy are discerning whether to present
Becoming Faithful Stewards – Michael and Amy Springer
Debt – Sharon and Gene Wilcox
Trusting God leads to Giving – Tom and JoAnne McBrearty

The Retreat will begin after 9 am Mass and conclude at about 3:15 pm.

Ministry Retreat tasks:

Presentations, schedule and facilitating – Tom and JoAnne, Gene and Sharon
Food ordering, pick up and set up – Kathy and Rick Ricker
Food purchasing, handouts, AV and room set up – Pat and Bill Beckett, Kathy and Rick (room set up)

For lunch, we are going to pre-order from Subway and then make adjustments as needed on the day of the Retreat through a registration form at each table. We will set up the food in the room near the parking lot on Thomasville (with the temporary walls closed). We will put out a basket to ask for donations to cover the cost of lunch.

For breakfast, we will put granola bars and fruit on the tables and serve coffee and juice from the counter. Name tags will be on the tables and we will direct people to be seated as soon as they arrive. Do we want to assign tables or just have them sit wherever they want – assigning tables mixes people up so that they meet different people. Just letting them sit where they want is easier.

The group strongly felt that babysitting was needed – the Springers will definitely need it and several other families have also indicated an interest that will need babysitting. Pat will talk to Fr. Mike about it.

Pat will compile and list of supplies and Tom and JoAnne will let her know if there is anything additional needed. Pat will also get a copy of the Stewardship Prayer for closing – the prayer on the back of the Treasure brochure would be perfect. We can have copies of this prayer to pass out to all participants.

We discussed involving financial planners in the parish (maybe those advertising in the bulletin). Pat will prepare a bulletin announcement asking if there are any planners who can offer services as a ministry (not paid) to those who may need them. We will be careful not to associate any business with the retreat itself.

Since Pat, Bill and Cookie will be gone, we discussed asking for additional help for the retreat. It would be good to have an extra couple to greet and welcome people as well as help with logistics. All of us will be inviting people to the retreat. As we see who has signed up, we can ask for help.

It is too late to do a pulpit announcement since next week is Palm Sunday and then Easter. Pat sent an e-mail to all Ministry Heads and will do a flyer for next weekend. Since there are lots of other activities going on, we need to invite personally as much as possible (any SCCs or other groups you are in).

APPRECIATION DINNER

The Appreciation Dinner will be Friday, June 12, 6:30 pm. We will use Brian Rowe, a parishioner, for the catering this year. He suggested pulled pork, chicken, corn casserole and potato salad as the menu. We will buy the cheesecakes and salad as we did before to add to the menu. Cost will be \$8.

We will have a flyer on May 23-24 and pulpit announcement and sign up Sunday on May 30-31.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

The Green Team has been very active the past two months. There are activities planned for April 25-26 – Earth Day celebration. We are again selling the “Lose 5000 lbs in 30 days” books at all the Masses, passing out bookmarks, passing out a flyer to all RE classes and possibly have a Good Shepherd Goes Green bag for sale.

The City of Tallahassee came to GS on March 16 and has presented a report to Fr. Mike. The recommendations that they made will be implemented whenever possible.

The Green Team has also drafted “green” policies to be distributed to all the ministries for use of parish facilities and recommendations for cutting back on paper goods use etc. The draft is still in the review process and will be passed on as soon as it is completed.

ADDITIONAL CORE GROUP MEMBERS

Dave Brannon has resigned from the Core Community because the demands of work and family have just become too great for him to devote the time that is needed to Stewardship. We will really miss Dave’s input and help. Pat will get a card and gift certificate as a thank you and we will all sign it.

We need to recruit some additional Core Group members and it would be best to have them before our annual planning meeting. Pat will put an announcement in the bulletin and we will brainstorm ideas for new members. Please send your suggestions to Pat.

We proposed a date for our Annual Planning Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 5 pm. Pat will talk to Fr. Mike to see if he is available then. There will be no additional meeting in April since we have the Ministry Retreat.