

Subject: Minutes of HTSM Joint Stewardship Commission

Date: June 20, 2018

Attendees: Father Strand, J Bolek, M Breuer, K Chambers, C Dehler, K Magnus, C Oelhafen, B Rapkin, D Ritger, T Rohlinger, K Schwinn, C Weinreich, J Wessing **Excused:** K Buechel, A Herriges, B Loehr, P Mueller, A Neumann, S Passineau, D Pesch, S Staehler, M Swanson, A Trautner, R Van Beek.

Minutes - Commission members gathered in HT Café, reviewed & approved the May 15th minutes, and approved the agenda. We welcomed new member K Schwinn & Father Strand.

Commission Charter, Theme, Mission & Objectives - The Charter was reviewed & approved. Objectives approved for 2018-2019 are:

- Enhance talent recruitment
- Make parishes more welcoming & hospitable
- Improve communications between committees and parish members.

Time & Talent Update - Commission members developed a Ministry Guide and talent form and distributed these to all parish members of HTSM in March 2018. Both parishes continue to receive completed Time & Talent forms. Calls to those who marked “Interested” have been completed. HT reported 140 parish members returned Time & Talent forms, with 184 Active Ministries and 121 Interested Ministries. Commission members thanked J Bolek for developing the Ministry Guide & forms. This completes this project.

Ministry Theme – Commission approved theme for 2018/19, which is: **Love – Grow – Serve.**

Welcome & Hospitality - Discussion focused on importance of welcoming families & new members. The future of our parishes will be brighter as we become good at welcoming new members & families. Commission members reviewed following suggestions:

- Invite young families & new members to Mass. Place welcome cards in pews for new members.
- Provide “busy bags” with religious coloring books/crayons & faith-based toys for youth at Mass.
- Reserve pews, or special seating, for families with young children.
- Possibly have Father recognize youth during homilies.
- Include youth in offertory collection & bringing up gifts, could also items for food drive.
- Many ideas were brainstormed and will be submitted to Pastoral Council for further discussion.

Welcome Packets - Commission members reviewed current Welcome Packets. It was determined that these are really Registration Packets. Members discussed ideas such as creating a Welcome Committee, Welcome Packet, new member functions, and mentor program. This will be focus at next meeting.

All-Committee Night - Commission members voted to name this **Common Leadership Night**. Father will seek approval for this concept at next Pastoral Council. If approved, a night will then be selected.

F.O.C.C.U.S – This program has mentor couples meeting with couples preparing for Marriage. Father suggested updating program to new Archdiocesan one. This new program includes training, assessments and working sessions. Further discussion and possible action at next meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 22nd at HT Café, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.