

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

(SPECIAL MEETING FOR PLEDGE CAMPAIGN PREP)

- 1) Meeting started at 1PM. Present: Father Don, Walt Peake, Tim Grant, Susumu Inoue, Elizabeth Jordan, Edythe Peake. Absent: Barb Mannor, Phillip Barnhart.
- 2) Prayers for each ministry, the vestry, the parish: Tim Grant.
- 3) Old Business
 - a) 2021 Pledge Campaign
 - i) Review and approval of Pledge Card and process (See Attached)
 - ii) The group agreed to use a single pledge card, but two return envelopes. The second (smaller) envelope will be used to return anonymous, personal pledges.
 - iii) Review timeline and process for the Pledge Campaign.
 - (1) Rector's Letter folded, stuffed, and mailed 9/23/2021
 - (2) Outreach Telephone Calls: Invite vestry and perhaps Pastoral Care to help. Divide Parish Directory for calls, Complete calls by October 8, 2021
 - (3) Prepare Pledge Packets: October 7, 2021, Discussed Pledge Cards and the DRAFT "Ministry Letter/Instructions" to include in the packets.
 - (4) Mail Pledge Packets: October 8, 2021
 - (5) Kick-off Sunday: October 10, 2021: Mark 10:17-31. TENS: "The Gift of Sharing". We still need to assign specific roles, readers, etc. (Coordinate with Worship/Liturgy - Tim)
 - (6) Continue Weekly Bulletin Inserts: Walt and Edythe
 - b) Epistle Article: Walt will prepare the October Epistle Article based on Tim's letter.
- 4) New Business
 - a) 150th Anniversary at the Intersection of Saginaw and Third St!
 - i) The DRAFT 150th planning document was circulated.
 - ii) We discussed how ministries might collaborate on special events. One example of a possible community event was a service at Glenwood to coordinate with All Souls Day, coordinated with Worship/Liturgy.
 - iii) Walt suggested a fall Grounds Cleanup Day. Reflecting on the benefits of collaboration on Stewardship Sunday, Tim suggested that we coordinate with Building and Grounds regarding the Cleanup Day. October 10, 2021
 - b) We discussed the benefits of seeking additional opportunities for the Stewardship Ministry to collaborate with the other ministries.

- c) We've ordered new pamphlets and publications from Forward Movement. These will supplement our existing brochures, specifically relating to information about the Episcopal Church, our beliefs, and our practices.
 - d) We are also ordering new stewardship (planned giving) pamphlets and booklets from ECF. We are still in need of a single individual to take the ministry lead on planned giving program/structure, working directly with Father Don on any publications/communications.
 - e) Susumu suggested that we consider arranging for a blood/plasma drive, consistent with the example of community support on our pledge cards. The group discussed the benefit of engaging other downtown churches, in order to line up enough donors. The group suggested that we contact Crossover Downtown Ministries, as there is an existing collaborative effort with the other churches. Susumu will do follow-up.
 - f) We continue to discuss identification and recruitment of new members on the ministry. The addition of new members will help divide the work, and build skills and capacity to promote continuity over time.
- 5) Scripture and Reflection - Tim: Mark 9:38
- a) What do you notice about this passage?
 - b) What do you hear in this reading that speaks to us within the stewardship ministry?
 - c) How are we proclaiming the kingdom of God?
- 6) Reflection on the work of the parish:
- a) Where are we being good stewards?
 - b) Where do we see the spirit of generosity at work?
 - c) With what gifts has God blessed our parish?
 - d) What gifts do we have to celebrate?
- 7) Next Meeting: Although we planned to meet on October 7th to prepare pledge packets, we may need to make a change in order to avoid a scheduling conflict for vestry members. Walt will follow up following the 9/30 vestry meeting.