

Stewardship Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
August 19, 2013

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MISSION: *The mission of the Stewardship Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.* (Ask, Thank, Tell: Charles R. Lane)

Present: Marie Swanson, Tom Espel, Brad Williams, Mavis Bennett, Jack Rydell, Pastor Laurie Neill, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Norma Tessmer, Loren Stahl

Loren Stahl gave a devotion and thoughts from "Living Your Strengths" by Nancy Lee Gauche.

Tom Espel made a motion to approve the June minutes. Loren Stahl seconded the motion and was approved.

Update on Stewardship commitments. Pastor Corey reviewed the summer worship schedule and suggested some revision might be considered for next summer in terms of number of and times for services.

Book discussion: Not Your Parents' Offering Plate, J. Clif Christopher. Comments from discussion:

- This book complements Ask Thank Tell
- Privilege of the Church no longer exists
- Do people consider us part of non-profit giving?
- Danger in thinking non-profit? We are working in the world.
- How do we counter?
- Does Simply Giving change thinking?
- Is Church part of giving religion?
- People are at different locations in their faith journey.
- Church changes lives in a much more personal way.
- Stay on journey/focus on charity.
- Give because it changes my life.
- Task to teach sacrifice as part of discipleship.
- Return to God what God gave me.
- Is money being taken from the Church for way we give to other non-profits?
- Mission is to get as many people involved in mission; does this serve Christ; how to carry out and convey to the donor.
- Convey through newsletters (Ask Thank Tell)
- Don't take things from them – give reason to expand message
- Communicate mission and people's lives are better because we are changing lives

First Fest:

- There will be a Silent Action.
- There will be booths or tables for the five sections: Come and Celebrate; Grow in a Small Group; Study in a Bible Study; Rejoice in a Music Group and Serve Others.
- Outdoor worship.
- Pig roast.

- Alex Rydell and his band, Pointin.

We are coming out with a quarterly newsletter. It will tell stories better; less announcements and help the congregation understand the Church's mission.

Planning for annual giving and commitment: November 24<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday for Grace and maybe this would be a good time to talk about stewardship. January 5 or 12 as part of the New Year's resolutions. No decision has been made. He handed out a sample letter that could be sent to the congregation thanking them for their financial support and informing them about particular missions.

Next meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon, Gathering Place.

Norma Tessmer, Secretary