

Stewardship Committee
April 14, 2014

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: Norma Tessmer, Terry Yoney, Christy Schilling, Marie Swanson, Loren Stahl, Tom Espel, John Holmen, Bill Parker, Jack Rydell, Mavis Bennett, Brad Williams

Marie Swanson opened the meeting with prayer and a short excerpt from The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn.

Loren Stahl moved to approve the February minutes, Tom Espel seconded and the minutes were approved.

Update on giving: Terry reported the giving for the last four weeks has been up in March. April is forecast to be the peak month of 2014. Trends in giving (ongoing project) will be addressed at a later meeting.

It was announced there is an "Adventure in Stewardship" program at Living Waters Lutheran Church in Fargo on May 18, 2014, with Pastor Lee Yarger, for those who wish to attend.

Report on the First in Mission week (April 27 to May 3) was 200 individuals were signed up with the table being up for Sunday and Wednesday. Everyone was asked to talk to 3 to 5 people about signing up.

There was a general discussion about maintaining giving over the summer months Several ideas were offered and will be shared and discussed with Pastor Corey and the staff, i.e. continuing the Thank God Moments, informing the congregation of the ongoing needs, having a Simply Giving information/sign-up table in the Gathering space.

John Holmen announced there was a Planning Giving Seminar scheduled for May 15, at 5:30 with a light meal. There will be six presenters. He is also working on a booklet that would list every Club and giving opportunity at First Lutheran.

John Holmen and Pastor Corey Bjertness will continue with their visitation program started in December in which they are thanking people.

The Stewardship committee has been asked to review membership and terms of membership in preparation for the nominating committee considering the needs of committees. After much discussion, the following information points are offered:

- Three year terms with a maximum of three terms is suggested for membership
- Given the recent history in committee chair, Brad Williams as past president will serve as chair next year.
- Bill Parker believes it is an appropriate time for him to complete his tenure on the committee and is resigning from the committee.

- Tom Espel considered his years on the committee and will complete his service at the end of this church year.
- Following the guidelines set in the Handbook, the recommended minimum number on the committee is eight (8) to include five (5) members from the congregation plus the Senior Pastor, past Council president, Council vice president. The optimum number would include at least eight (8) members from the congregation plus the Senior Pastor, Council Past President, and Council vice president.
- Everyone is to determine where he or she is currently in years and terms.
- Information on committee needs can be shared with the Nominating Committee to help find new committee members.
- Inform people of committee needs through the First in Focus to find people who may be interested in serving.

The Stewardship committee will change the meeting day from Monday to Tuesday at Noon the same day as the Council meets-typically the third Tuesday of the month.

Meeting ended with prayer.

Norma J Tessmer
Secretary