

**STEWARDSHIP/ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION**  
**Leadership Night Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 13, 2002**

*“Developing a clear understanding of the meaning of  
Christian Stewardship among the parish community”*

**Attendance:**

x	Jo Berning	x	Gail Crichton	o	David McGaffey	x	Jim Tham
x	Paul Canavese	x	Ray Dobrolowski	x	Ted Mihok	o	Father Rich
x	Helene Carr	o	Pat Dormady	x	Vic Republicano		

**Opening Prayer:** We opened with a prayer, reflecting on our ability to communicate and teach the meaning of stewardship.

**Old Business Overview:** We recapped the previous meeting, during which we decided to focus on our near-term goal: *“Developing a clear understanding of the meaning of Christian stewardship among the parish community”*.

We briefly discussed the April 21, 2002 attendance by certain members of the Stewardship Team (Paul Canavese, Vic Republicano, Jim Tham), at the Pastoral Council meeting, and the slide show presentation by Paul.

**New Business Overview:**

**è Steps to Becoming a Stewardship Parish**

- The main discussion topics centered around this theme, along with the necessary steps which will allow us to achieve our goal, including:
  - o Commitment of parish leadership
  - o Formation/Education of the leadership
  - o Development of Infrastructure
  - o Formation/Education of the Parishioners
  - o Developing a Stewardship Model

**è Other Topics**

- A couple of the commission members expressed their concern that certain members of parish leadership appeared concerned with “form over “substance”.
- We discussed that being involved and sharing our gifts were the most important aspects of what we do here. Other members affirmed these people for the fact they “showed up” in the first place, and encouraged them to stay the course.
- We discussed the importance of remaining focused on our goals of stewardship, and not being dissuaded, or discouraged by others.
- We discussed the importance of training and educating the leadership group first – pastoral council; commissions; ministries; and parishioners. We discussed

- various ideas as to how to ultimately address the parishioners, while not taking 12 months of Sundays to do so.
- We discussed the need for participation by all members of the commissions, noting that we were missing representatives from a number of ministries
  - We discussed the need to reach out to those members of the commission who had not shown up, or who were not regularly attending our meetings
  - We discussed the need for open communication – not only within our commission, but between all commissions.
  - We discussed the need to look beyond our parish, and not forget to focus outwardly.
  - We discussed the danger of distributing our Stewardship PowerPoint Presentation to other leadership members and commissions – BEFORE they understand what stewardship really is...
  - One of our members reminded us that Stewardship is NOT about raising or collecting money)
  - A member suggested that all Stewardship/Admin Commission members be contacted and invited to the next meeting. We need to begin the process of reforming the ministries, and ascertaining “who is in and who is not”
  - Vic Republicano was selected to present our 2-minute report to the combined leadership group.

**Next meeting:**

Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 – 9:00 pm, the Valerie Room.