

Our Saviour Parish Discipleship & Stewardship Minutes for 12-3-24

OSP Discipleship & Stewardship Committee met Dec. 3, 2024 at 6:15 pm in the Convent upstairs.

Present: Corinne Briscoe, Edgar Galeana, Kate Herring, Sarah Wilson,
Megan Winters, Fr. Joe, Fr. Zac

Absent: Tony Moore, Gary Scott

We opened with a stewardship prayer.

Minutes for 10-22-24 approved (motion by Corinne, second by

Sarah) First item to discuss: evaluate the 2024 **Season of**

Stewardship.

- a) The first weekend of October was a good start time in terms of getting everything done and moving through the season before Thanksgiving. All the ministries were divided among the committee. Having received a pdf doc from Debbi Scott of the responses of parishioners with their contact info, committee members sent those to the ministry leaders, with a note of thanks and asking them to reach out to all asap. Father Joe acknowledged all who submitted the treasure part of the response form with a hand-signed postcard.
- b) The response form mailed to parishioners was better.
- c) The stewardship talk by Jeff Alexander was excellent. This should be acknowledged by a note or postcard.
- d) 157 forms were returned indicating parishioners' intentions for stewardship of time, talent, and financial support, though it could be better.
- e) What could be improved in 2025 to enhance participation? —schedule one or two stewardship talks by parishioners in Aug. or Sept.? —make stewardship materials available in languages other than English which are spoken by parishioners? (e.g. Spanish, French) Edgar can help with Spanish language materials.
- f) A BIG thank you is due to Debbi Scott for producing the spreadsheets of responses for ministry leaders; and to Laura for her countless hours in support of the Season of Stewardship.

Next we discussed what has gone well, and planning for Advent and Christmas.

- a) Bell Tower Bites Nov. 9/10 was well received, especially at the Sat. and Sun. 10:30 Masses. Fewer people participate after the Sun. 8:30 Mass.
 - b) It was a good idea to distribute Little Blue Books the Sunday before Advent.
- Note: Most of the 300 on hand were distributed, leaving few for Advent season. Should we order 400 next year?

Upcoming in 2025:

The men's prayer breakfast is scheduled for Sat., March 15th @ Hamilton's. The men will promote this. Attendance at the most recent breakfast was 85. Father Joe proposed introducing "Walk with One" in early 2025. This stems from the National Eucharistic Revival. It consists of 3 webinars for us to understand the process. Parishioners will do one-on-one evangelization after a season of prayer. Father Joe will send us a link to a webinar, which we are asked to watch prior to our next meeting. At that meeting we can strategize for next steps.

Kate asked about the possibility of holding a Social Services Ministry Fair in 2025. This idea was proposed by Social Services Ministry Heads when we worked on the Long Range Plan, as a way to attract volunteers to the various Social Services. A couple of different ideas were suggested:

- connect the fair with Mass in the Park, led by Fr. Zach
- link one or two ministries each month to Bell Tower Bites. (Talk with Hospitality Committee leaders, Jackie and Charlotte).

Kate will follow up on this.

A survey will go out about the Family Fun Festival to help plan for 2025. We set our next meeting for Thurs., Jan. 16th @ 6:15 pm in the Convent upstairs.