

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Stewardship Meeting
April 11, 2011 at 6:00pm

The first Stewardship Meeting was called to order by Chuck Miller who opened with a prayer.

Bill Atwell, Tom Kirkland, Dan Kozera, Barb Stuitje and Chuck were present. Unfortunately Arend Beerhuis had misunderstood the meeting time to be at 7:00pm and arrived at 6:55pm.

Since this was the kickoff Stewardship meeting, introductions were made and thanks given by Chuck for all members deciding to become a part of this committee.

A discussion started as to stewardship being loosely defined as "Time - Talent - Treasure" and more specifically, what Holy Trinity had done in the past for stewardship campaigns. Those of us that were relatively new to Holy Trinity discussed what our experiences had been concerning stewardship campaigns at our previous churches.

The remaining time for our meeting was spent talking about a variety of thoughts as to how this committee should be developed.

Several items were discussed:

Everyone felt that the quarterly pledge statements should be continued. We all felt that a newsletter or something similar should be included with the statement. This written piece could speak to what Holy Trinity is doing with the pledge monies and other revenue and/or additionally provide teachings relative to stewardship. We can certainly develop that written piece to go along with our next statement.

We all agreed that stewardship is a year round endeavor, not just something that happens during our pledge drive.

Since we now have a Growth Committee that, as we understand, is advocating a 3 to 5 year goal for our Sunday service to average 125 persons, and that that would increase our pledges, it was suggested that the Stewardship and Growth committees meet jointly at some future date to see what commonality our committees would have.

We also discussed that perhaps the Vestry should develop a 2012 budget before the pledge campaign so we can identify and convey to the Parish what money we need in order to accomplish our goals.

Chuck asked that our homework for our next meeting be that all members spend time during the month on internet searching for ideas concerning stewardship. These ideas would be the basis for next month's meeting.

Our meeting was closed by us all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Next scheduled meeting: **Monday, May 9th at 6pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Miller