

Stewardship Committee Minutes  
June 6, 2007  
*Blessed to be a Blessing*

Attending: Priscilla, Molly, Frank, Art, Chuck, Tom and Martha

Priscilla opened with a devotional grace, and Frank passed around **French chocolates!**

**Website:**

Brian Laubscher asked us to wait on setting up the Stewardship webpage until the new church webpage is set up. Our content is ready to go.

Brian will be installing ACS online payment module; this will allow not only online pledge payments, but payment for any church activity, by a variety of methods – credit card, debit/check card, routing number. There are still fee questions to get cleared up.

Tom had suggestions for other types of online paying if we run into fees, such as using Paypal.

**Contribution envelopes:**

We agreed to decrease the number we order as a significant number of folks do not use them already and we are setting up pledge paying alternatives many members will find more desirable. Changes, additions – change the “Initial Offering” envelope suggested contribution to defray the cost of the envelopes to reflect the actual cost, which is way more than \$1; add envelopes for special giving to the box – Joy Gift (December) and One Great Hour (Palm Sunday time). We will continue to have the Per Capita envelope as well. Last year we ordered 550; for 2008 we’ll order 450.

**Community Open House Sept. 9 & Volunteer Fair Sept. 16:** We may or may not want to set up a booth for the 9/9 event – it is a neighborhood/outreach event.

The 9/16 event is a member awareness/volunteer recruitment activity, probably at both 9:45am & noon. Frank and Priscilla will staff it, along with Tom as tech guru. Ideas – promote THEME visually, sign ups for help with 11/4 brunch (food, set up, clean up), sign ups for campaign follow-up callers (!), and a demo for the new online pledge and payment options.

**Document Production and Mailing Schedule:**

Priscilla will meet with Nancy soon to go over our needs for printing and mailing labels. Lois B. will redesign brochure, and small changes are needed on the pledge card, including specifically requesting envelope boxes. Priscilla will have drafts for committee review by early Sept.

- 10/20 mail pledge materials
- 11/4 Pledge Sunday
- 11/16 reminder Emails from office – egram or personal emails? Mail Thank you letters to pledgers.
- 11/26 start follow-up phone calls

**Logo:**

Tom and Martha have the Stewardship artwork website from Cargill, and will look at that and share it with the committee, to stimulate ideas, which we’ll share with Lois Butcher.

**Banner:** maybe? P. will check with Larry

**Youth and Children:** Molly will work with Patrick and Nancy Hall Berens.

**Blessings Brunch on Pledge Sunday 11/4 :**

Martha and Frank will coordinate recruitment, set up, finger food, etc. Instead of trying to have a “program” we decided to have more visuals to tie the Brunch in with Pledging, such as having the theme and logo on tables. (maybe have another online demo set up?)

Next Meeting - probably not in July. Hold **August 1** for our next meeting.

Priscilla closed with prayer.

(Submitted by Molly Roden)