

SNCP Stewardship Committee Minutes 9/8/26, as of 9/15

- 1. Opening prayer and Vision Statement** –Mike Short
- 2. Attendance:** Penny Maletzke (SC), Dennis Van Hoof (HN), Mike Short, chair (SD), Mary Jo Bugembe (HN), Rick Carr (HN), Pam Duessing (SD), Mary Karls (SD) Guest: Dan Duessing (Immediate Past Chair PC), Excused: Bob Mair (SD), Andrea Schmitz (HN), Fr. Nick.
- 3. Information & Formation:**
 - July 22, 2026, Stewardship Workshop – summary videos.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkQfCRwAmxOTuKdlbGOWq9iqIjT2O6vwJ>
 - Regional Parish Vitality meeting in Fox Lake, Tues., Oct. 13, 8am (Mass) – 1pm.
- 4. Pastor/PC Liaison/committee chair comments/Announcements:**
 - No significant updates from PC per Mary Jo Bugembe.
 - Bob Mair, Pam Duessing and Mike Short will be attending the SD 100th Anniversary planning committee meeting on Thurs., Sept. 10 at 6:30 in AR.
- 5. Upcoming community building events:**
 - Fall Festival at SD – Sun., Sept. 20. 11:30am to 5:00pm.
 - Trivia Night, sponsored by HN, held at SC. Sat., Oct. 24
 - Fall Fest at SC – Sun. Nov. 15
 - Advent by Candlelight at SD PAC – Tues., Dec. 1.
- 6. Ongoing Business:**
 - Volunteer Recruitment: The spring T&T drive yielded a total of 137 persons (25% from HN, 12% SC, and 63% SD) signing up for a total of 507 volunteer positions, 49 of which signed up as interested to join one or more of 102 of those spots. Penny saw to it that all ministries were informed of volunteers from SC. Rick and Dennis will follow up with the HN ministry leads to assure that they contacted the volunteers. Mary Karls will follow up with Bob Mair to assure that several remaining ministry leads receive their list of volunteers that signed up for SD & HN.
 - Name Tag/Welcoming Weekend Sept. 12/13: Mary Jo shared that Father Nick will have a special blessing for the new families. Trustees, Pastoral Council and Stewardship Committee will help the Welcoming Committee greet parishioners. In 2025 we had 28 new families and in 2026 it is estimated that we have 52 new families.
 - Welcome Cards: To replenish stock, our committee approves the proposed revision, and recommends printing 600 English versions for each parish, and 600 Spanish versions for SC.
 - Finding Volunteers discussion: Our committee is asking the Pastoral Council to share their thoughts on welcoming new parish members and on how to encourage all parishioners to become involved in parish ministries and activities. The concepts shared at a webinar earlier this year include empowering active parishioners to “Be Connectors” and engage people (i.e. after Mass), and practice “Radical Hospitality.” These ideas will be used in future bulletin articles. Mary Jo suggested that cards be created for next year’s Welcome Weekend with tips on how our parishioners can help make SNCP an even more welcoming community.
- 7. Upcoming Projects:**
 - Fall annual Financial Drive: Fr. Nick has plans regarding the Financial Drive. Our committee recommends that Finance Committee persons speak at the Masses this year.
 - Regional Stewardship meeting to be hosted by SNCP at SD, and is planned for Wed. 4/14/27.
- 8. Next meeting:** Tues., November 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
Closing prayer led by Mike Short.