

Evangelization Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: St Mary of the Hills

Date: April 4, 2014

Present: Deb Valot, ClemValot, Jay Fedewa, John Hundiak, George Phillips, Susie Phillips

1. Opening Group Prayer

2. **Reports/Praise Reports:** Jay reported on the calls that he and others made to inactive parishioners. They made 83 calls, and will be sending at least ten copies of Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* to those that they reached. They left messages for some and need to hear back. They had 13 people request to be removed from our list (because they have moved, etc.). The observation was that everyone has a story. There can be healing in a personal call from the parish. We should make this an annual thing.

3. Old Business:

- a. **Project updates.** See attached chart.
- b. **Alternates for Commissions.** Still needed. Susie/ Mark will submit an article for the bulletin inviting parishioners to attend the next parish council meeting and ask them for their interest in any of the commissions, or the Evangelization Committee.
- c. **The "Unstaffed" list.** See entry in the attached project chart. Anyone is invited to add a project to the list.

4. New Business: (20 min)

- a. **St Paul Street Evangelization,** (Mark, Clem) More discussion at May committee meeting. How can we learn from them? How can we support them?
- b. **Parish Mission update** – Evangelization Committee helped with advertising and promotion, and will help hand out booklets. We will propose using sign-in sheets to capture visitor information.
- c. **ChristLife for 2014-15** – Proposed to Father Stan. Susie will also ask for time on upcoming Parish Council meetings to discuss this program.
- d. **Joint St. Andrew's/ St. Mary Parish Council meeting March 25.** There was an excellent turnout from both parishes. Susie reported that she attended the break-out session with the Education Commissions because St. Andrew does not have an Evangelization Committee, per se.
- e. **Constant Contact suggestion** – This was a suggestion from the PAV pastoral council meeting. It would be worthwhile to work on the parish email list. Constant Contact has a cost. This can go on the "unstaffed projects" list. What service would be best to use? "Mail Chimp" has a free start-up period.

5. **PAV Report:** Susie gave a report from the recent PAV meetings. There are upcoming seminars and training. Flyers will be circulated when available. Father Alex recommends the Archdiocese of Philadelphia website. Susie has noticed that the Archdiocese of Buffalo also has a lot of interesting material.

6. **Round Table & Topics for May meeting:** We discussed distributing a copy of *Discover Christ* to each of the Parish Council members. This is the companion book to the first portion of the ChristLife series. It may be better to do this in the fall to reach the incoming council members.

7. **Next meeting: May 8 in St. Andrew/ Anselm room** (Moved due to room use by Interfaith Center for Racial Justice in the EOF)

8. Closing Prayer

EC PROJECT TITLE	POINT PERSON	STATUS AND NEXT STEPS
SMOTH Library	George Phillips	We have received the first group of books. Father Stan gave us an endorsement in his recent bulletin column. Sign-out is currently on the honor system. Books are being used and comments have been favorable. Suggestion is to put a list of the available books in the bulletin and on the website. More books on order. We could also take donations from Committee members.
Welcome Kit and Greeters	Barb Sheldrick	Deb will ask Laura Corrion when the welcome brochures from the Parish Directory company will arrive.
Activate CLT phone tree/ Contact inactive parishioners	Jay Fedewa	See update under "Reports/Praise Reports." This was a very worthwhile effort. Thanks to all who made calls. We should make this an annual activity.
Emagine Theater movie night	Karen Dudek	Still a possibility for spring/summer. More discussion in May.
Consecration of the Family/ Peace of Heart Faith Sharing groups	Tom Kubacki	Planned again for the fall.
Religious Freedom Website	Jay Fedewa/ Karen Dudek	Maintaining website
Religious Freedom articles	Mark Joyce	Weekly bulletin articles continuing.
Unstaffed projects	Susie Phillips	Prayer booths, Kids column in the bulletin, Technology (many parts to this one), "Constant Contact" – need email list. Invite Jennifer Stembridge to a future meeting to talk about the use of technology.
Evangelization training	Susie et al	See flyers to be coming for AOD activities.
Alternates for Commission reps	All	Need new members.
Parish Mission	John, Susie and George	Capture contact information of attendees for follow-up.