

# Evangelization Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: St Mary of the Hills

Date: June 11, 2014

**Present:** Deb Valot, Clem Valot, John Hundiak, Mary Joyce, Barb Sheldrick, Susie Phillips

## 1. Opening Group Prayer

## 2. New Members and Guests:

- a. In May, Jennifer Stembridge offered to send email blasts to parishioners if someone supplies her with the information.
  - i. We need to follow up with Jennifer to get this started.
  - ii. We could use someone who is in charge of this information flow.

## 3. Old Business:

- a. **Alternates for Commissions.** Karen Schenk is already on the Christian Service Commission. Clem Valot said that he would be alternate to the Education Commission.
- b. **The “Unstaffed” list.** We are keeping a list of activities which do not have volunteer support. Anyone is invited to add a project to the list.
- c. **We discussed the use of the remaining 2013-2014 budget.**
  - i. George and Susie will put together a list of books and DVDs to purchase for the library.
  - ii. Barb Sheldrick suggested giving some money to the Prayer Shawl Ministry to buy some attractive yarn. Currently, they use donations.
  - iii. There also might be support for advertising the parish picnic to the community. Susie will look into this.
- d. **Library:** Deb Valot noted that Peggy Casing and Father Stan have donated some books to the library. Thank you! Members who wish to donate books from their personal library can give them to Deb Valot. Also, it was suggested that we could generate a second kind of sticker for some of these donated books. Instead of “Please return after 3 weeks,” it could say “Please enjoy and pass this on.”
- e. **Project List was reviewed and updated.** (See chart at the end of the minutes.)

## 4. New Business: (20 min)

- a. **St Paul Street Evangelization,** (Mark, Clem) This is an open issue. Mark and Clem are trying to learn more about this group.
- b. **ChristLife for 2014-15** – Susie presented an update to the parish council in May. In the fall, the Evangelization Committee plans to purchase copies of the book “Discover Christ” for the incoming parish council members. The plan would be to run Discover Christ in Jan-March 2015, with Following Christ possibly running after that (7 weeks each). Clem volunteered to work on a proposed schedule.
- c. **Communities of Salt and Light:** This has been being discussed at the parish council meetings the past several weeks. This ties in with the third USCCB goal for Evangelization (promoting gospel values, respect for life, and human dignity).
- d. **We need to be prepared for the Stewardship Fair in the Fall.** This will mean having materials ready to display and hand out, and having committee members there at the fair. We will discuss this more at our summer meeting.

5. **PAV Report:** Twenty-five people from St. Mary's will attend an AOD seminar with Father Michael White (author of *Rebuilt* and *Tools for Rebuilding*) and Christopher Wesley (also from Church of the Nativity, Maryland) at St. Paul Albanian church June 12. The Summer 2012 Vicariate newsletter also has two articles about evangelization written by Susie.

6. **Round Table & Ideas:**

- a. There was continuing discussion about the idea of series of speaker for young adults in the coming year. An additional suggested speaker is Justin Fatika (suggested by Barb), who is very popular with young people.
- b. There was the suggestion that we should look into getting an electronic sign near John R to communicate current and future activities, and invite the community to attend.
- c. George and Susie will talk to Father Stan about ChristLife and the use of the budget money.
- d. John mentioned that there may be a speaker next year. The Worship Commission is working with Father Stan. Susie will send John the list of 15 suggested speakers that was compiled for the PAV Assembly Committee.

7. **Next meeting: August 20 – East Overflow. Potluck dinner meeting. Please send your agenda ideas.**

8. **Closing Prayer**

Submitted by Susie Phillips 6/24/2014

<b>EC Project Title</b>	<b>Point Person</b>	<b>Status and Next Steps</b>
SMOTH Library	George Phillips	Ordering books, advertising in the bulletin, taking donations.
Emagine Theater movie Night	Karen Dudek	TBD. Suggestion was to run a movie night in September. Get a recent movie such as "Son of God," or "Heaven is for Real," or "God is Not Dead."
Consecration of the Family/ Peace of Heart Faith Sharing Groups	Barb Sheldrick/ Tom Kubacki	Planned for the fall.
Religious Freedom website	Jay Fedewa/ Karen Dudek	Maintaining website
Religious Freedom Bulletin articles	Mark Joyce	Continuing weekly articles.
Unstaffed Projects	Susie Phillips	Prayer booths; kids column in the bulletin (suggestion is to have SMYG kids do this; Susie will talk to Christ Kozlowski); plan speaker series for young adults; work with Jennifer Stembridge on periodic email blasts to parishioners
New members	All	We could use a few new members. We could use a few more members who join the commissions, and we could use a committee secretary.