

## **Evangelization Committee Minutes**

Location: St Mary of the Hills, West Overflow Room

Date: Oct. 14, 2015 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Jay Fedewa, Karen Schenk, Clem Valot, Deb Valot, Mark Joyce, Beth Belesky, George Phillips, Susie Phillips

### **1. Opening Prayer**

### **2. AOD “Come Encounter Christ” events. (Susie Phillips, Deb Valot)**

- a. SMOTH is advertising these in the bulletin, Narthex, and website. Each parish has received a limited number of bookmarks with the whole list of events. Deb will look into getting more bookmarks to hand out to parishioners.

### **3. ChristLife update (Clem Valot and all)**

- a. Discovering and Following Christ calendar will be postponed until September 2016 and January 2017, due to the difficulty of holding these events without the use of the parish kitch.
- b. Activities to fill the void in January are being discussed. One suggestion is to invite people who attend at Christmas to come back and discuss the book which they are given at the Christmas masses.

### **4. Prayer intercessors (Karen Schenk)**

- a. Karen Schenk will talk to Janet Sheerin and ask her and the Bible Study ladies to continue praying for the committee’s activities, and for blessings on our parish.

### **5. Prayer of the Faithful Writers (Deb Valot, Susie Phillips)**

- a. There was a request from the Worship Commission to suggest new prayer writers. There is always turnover. The committee will give their individual suggestions to Karen Dudek.
- b. It was suggested that we request prayers for persecuted Christians.

### **6. Christmas book giveaway “Rediscover Jesus” (All)**

- a. Bookmark will be parish info on one side, and winter activities on back. Karen Schenk volunteered to start looking into having the bookmarks printed.

### **7. Parish Council Worship and Prayer October 17 (Beth Belesky)**

- a. Beth came in with her proposal and the committee discussed it. Beth will look into buying Miraculous Medals to give to each attendee of the chapel prayer service before the commission meetings. Karen Schenk bought copies of Guss Lloyd’s Minute-in-the-Church books about “The Mass” to distribute also. The request given to attendees will be “keep these for your own use and learning,” or “give them to someone else in the spirit of evangelization.”

**8. Contacting new parishioners (Beth Belesky, Karen Schenk, Mark Joyce, Deb Valot)**

- a. Laura Corrión provided a list of 36 new individuals and/or families who have registered since June. The list was divided into fourths, and Beth, Karen, Mark, and Deb each agreed to make nine phone calls. If they cannot reach the persons by phone, they will leave an email. We will give Laura Corrión any feedback that is gathered.

**9. Project Updates:**

**a. Library surveys tabulated. (George Phillips)**

- i. About 30 surveys collected so far. People are positive about the library, but some people who were stopped to fill out a survey at the picnic didn't know about the library. We will continue to advertise the library. The DVD signout is going well due to Deb's highlighting it and putting the DVDs out where they are visible (Welcome Bar, or office) after mass.

**b. Called and Gifted Workshops (at St. Irenaeus)**

- i. Our part: advertising and provide some refreshments. We are advertising in the bulletin, Narthex, and website.

**c. St. Paul Street Evangelization (Mark Joyce)**

- i. Mark will be attending the Gala on October 17 and the Night Fever event on October 24. Mark will look into getting Adam Janke to come and speak at our parish in the spring.

**d. "Vocations Evening" – joint discussion with other NW vicariates (Susie Phillips)**

- i. Need Committee leader, members, and plan
- ii. "Hear their Stories" or some other inviting title
- iii. Offered to use time at PAV Evangelization committee meeting Oct/Nov

**e. Electronic sign proposal (Susie Phillips)**

- i. Getting costs for Building Committee. Six companies were contacted. Three have responded with ideas.

**f. Other/ New Project suggestions(Karen Schenk)**

- i. Blessing of the Brains, for students before exam time, or other periodic special blessings. We will talk to the worship commission.

**ii. "Night Fever" for Rochester Hills fireworks (George Phillips and all)**

- 1. Beth agreed to put together a one-pager explaining the intent
- 2. Talk to Father Stan and Chris K:
  - a. Insurance, safety, or logistical concerns
- 3. Get go-ahead to involve other parishes

## 10. Announcements:

### a. EvC approved Budget. (Susie Phillips)

- i. We will look at alternate use of part of the budget, such as a speaker, with the Christlife postponement.

### b. Purchase of Word-on-Fire's "Mystery of God" Leader kit. (Jay Fedewa)

- i. Done. Waiting for it to arrive.
- ii. Planned for use with Men's groups.

### c. PAV Update and PAV Evangelization Committee Meetings at SMOTH

- i. Handouts on Come, Encounter Christ, and the Synod

### d. AOD Pastoral Council update. (Susie Phillips)

- i. Parish reps for the upcoming synod have been nominated by pastors. Elections will be October 24 and November 7.
- ii. Many activities are planned to prepare for the November 2016 synod on Evangelization, including the "Come Encounter Christ" events, and an "Amazing Parish" conference.

## 11. Roundtable

### a. Project suggestions:

- i. "Family Prayer for Family Times" – suggested by Karen Schenk. Family books by Kathleen O'Connell – quotes for bulletin articles or purchase for library.
- ii. Explanatory mass – for Youth, or coupled with an "Invite your Neighbor to Mass" weekend
- iii. Group is looking for website/social media instructions. We recognize that we need to improve how much we take care of this method of communication.

## 12. Closing Prayer

<b>Future Meetings: SMOTH Evangelization Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Evangelization Committee (Rescheduling from Nov. 11 to Nov. 18 is pending SMOTH calendar approval)</b>	11/18/2015	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	WOF
<b>Evangelization Committee Meeting (EOF)</b>	12/9/2015	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	EOF
<b>Evangelization Committee Meeting (WOF)</b>	1/13/2016	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	WOF
<b>Evangelization Committee Meeting (WOF)</b>	2/17/2016	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	WOF
<b>Evangelization Committee Meeting (WOF)</b>	3/16/2016	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	(WOF)
<b>Evangelization Committee Meeting (WOF)</b>	4/13/2016	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	WOF
<b>Evangelization Committee Meeting (WOF)</b>	5/18/2016	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	WOF
<b>Evangelization Committee Meeting (WOF)</b>	6/8/2016	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	WOF

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**Future Meetings: PAV Evangelization Committee Meetings.**

**(SMOTH Committee members: Please feel free to attend if you are interested. )**

Location: St. Mary of the Hills – St. Andrew’s classroom (turn right off the front foyer and go down the hallway with the classrooms)

7 – 9 p.m.

Dates

October 26, (Will be facilitated by Susan Kowalski, St. Irenaeus)  
November 23,  
January 25, 2016  
February 22,  
March 28,  
April 25,  
May 23