

St. Mary of the Hills Fellowship Minutes Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015

Chairperson: Angie Kadowaki; **Vice-Chairperson:** Michaeleen Dolinski

Present: Loretta Bonello, Jay Fedewa, Angie Kadowaki, Judy Rhoads and Michaeleen Dolinski

Fellowship: We need to invite the newcomers to the parish with young children. What can we do for them? How can we get them more involved? Child care during masses is doing great. Our focus on younger families will include a survey/ask them what they would like and to act on those requests. Call those who are new and find out their interests and get them involved in something that corresponds to their interests.

When newcomers join, we need to call them individually. We would call those young families with youngsters and perhaps the other commission could call those that would fall into their category. For example, seniors call seniors, youth group to reach out to youth, etc. We could also draw from GIFT participants. Angie will reach out to three young families to join our commission meeting once our mission is defined.

Currently we are supporting all commissions. Our mission would change to connect with the young families that are new to our parish and get them involved and feel welcome in our parish. We are proposing that each commission support their own happenings from within with regards to hospitality.

For the calls we make, we would need a list of the activities currently available to those we are calling. The Evangelization group currently makes these calls, but it would be good for more than one group reaches out to these people. We need to find out what the first caller says – we cannot say the same time.

The majority of newcomers (10 per month) are those about to get married and those with children starting school.

Jesus' Birthday Party, Dec. 5th: Those of us from Fellowship that are available will be at the party meeting parents to discover what they would like to see done here at St. Mary's. This will be a good starting point to gather insights from parishioners and act on them.

Picnic, August 14, 2016: The picnic needs a manager that would manage the different committees, i.e. Marketing Committee, Young Families Committee, Decorating Committee, and Dessert Committee. The manager would only oversee the different committees.