

Evangelization Committee Minutes

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Date: Dec. 09, 2015 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jay Fedewa, Deb Valot, Karen Schenk, George Phillips, Susie Phillips

1. **Opening Prayer** (George Phillips)

2. **Project Updates:**

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	ChristLife	Clem, George, Jay, Deb	Deb will talk with Father Stan to pick a date to give Sharing Christ graduates the certificates. George has a certificate design; St. Ireneaus sent their script for a template. Susie will send the certificate out to the planning group to critique. Need to choose a mass and let Sharing Christ participants know the time and date.
2	Prayer Intercessors	Susie, Karen Schenk	Advertise Friday rosary to parish (bulletin, Narthex, website) and keep in touch with Bible Study groups. Susie will write bulletin article and make slide for website after Christmas. Karen Dudek previously said she would be willing to gather prayer requests as well.
3	Marketing/Advertising/ New Ideas: Bookmark	Karen Schenk and Deb Valot	Design of the bookmark is done; Deb will place the order December 10.
4	New ideas: Christmas message	Karen Schenk	Karen suggested that we think about using the Father Stan cut-out for a special Christmas message.
5	Periodic Special Blessings:	Karen Schenk	Blessing for Volunteers (St. Vincent de Paul) – Sep 27 Feast Day. Work with Worship Commission to do this in September.
6	Contacting New Parishioners	Karen Schenk, Deb Valot, Mark Joyce, Beth Belesky	Beth Belesky committed to call the October list. Karen S will contact the new list of 8 families who registered in November.
7	Library	George	A recent library survey had these responses to two questions on the survey: (1) What type of subject matter would you like to see in the library? “The materials

			<p>books/DVDs that Peggy Casing uses in her bible study classes & other e.g. Symbolon. They have been excellent.”, and (2) How can the Evangelization Committee and St. Mary’s help to improve your spiritual life? “More special event motivational speakers/ events.”</p> <p>Susie will bring this up at the Education Commission meeting. If there are expensive DVDs that we want to lend, Deb could keep them in the office with the other DVD sign-out. Karen will also pursue getting a copy of the movie “The Mailbox.”</p>
8	Library	George/ Jay	<p>Word on Fire's "Mystery of God" ordered. First discs didn't work. Just received replacement discs December 7. Jay will try out this series with the Bravehearts, then they will be available for placement in the Evangelization library.</p>
9	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark	<p>Update on meeting/training. Speaker possible for spring. Mark is working with Randy Husaynu to schedule this. St. Andrew’s also interested in bringing in a SPSE speaker in the spring. Contact there is Mike Carr. Susie will put Mark in contact with Mike Carr.</p>
10	Vocations Committee	George, Jay	<p>CNN did special on Fowler/Westphalia, Michigan – an area which is producing a large number of priests. Recommended that we all try to watch it. Look for “This is Life” with Lisa Ling/ on CNN and/or Netflix. Fr. Mattheus is in the show and is teaching at the seminary now. Everybody should try to watch the show, and then we will talk about contacting Fr. Mattheus. Deb’s idea – work with Chris K to do something on MSP/ SMYG night. Karen S suggested we should invite the parents as well. As we firm up a date, we will contact Tom Merlo to participate in this in the spring time frame.</p>
11	Electronic Sign proposal	Susie	<p>Finance committee is in support. Susie needs to give details of the possible vendors and their cost quotes to the Building Committee. (Update: Susie sent the list and detailed information from the sign company contacts to Chris Kozlowski on December 11.) Other parishes have said that there should be a list of guidelines for sign usage – it should be outreaching to the public – i.e., for events which are open to, and of interest to, the public.</p>
12	Night Fever for Rochester Hills Fireworks	Beth, Mark	<p>Beth talked to Chris Kozlowski this month and gave him the one-pager. We will ask Beth for an update in January. We should also discuss with the Worship Commission.</p>

13	Spring speaker	Jay	<p>Jay talked to Richard Lane, Evangelist. He does a three-night or a one-night event. His fee is about \$2200 per night. He is also looking for some sponsorship to bring him into a parish in Detroit. If we could tag-team with another parish we could split the cost. A possibility would be combining with an event in Detroit in April – he will be in Detroit the week of April 25. Upon contacting Richard, Jay learned (Richard suggested) that the one-night event could be tailored to the Year of Mercy (evangelization, meeting people where they are at, reconciliation, etc.). Jay will put together a bio and info about Richard and bring it up to Father Stan, and then ask to discuss it at Parish Council. There is some urgency due to Richard’s busy schedule.</p> <p>(Update: Father Stan was unavailable before 12/19, so Jay gave background on Richard Lane and handed out info at the Parish Council meeting 12/19. Susie will forward the video links to the PC. Jay will pursue details of Richard Lane’s schedule. EvC needs feedback from all groups which may be involved.)</p>
14	Religious Freedom bulletin articles	Susie/Mark	Mark has been writing articles to bring back the topic into the bulletin. Susie will start a series after January 1.
15	Matthew Kelly at St. Andrew’s October 2016	Mark, Beth, George	St. Andrew’s contact is Tina Howell. Meeting will be held December 16. Tickets are on sale on-line for \$39 each. (Update: Mark attended the meeting December 16 and has tickets to sell, and an update for the committee.)
16	Midwest Catholic Apologetics Conference MAC III 1/16/16 at St. Cyril/Methodius	TBD	The question is how we can support and advertise the conference. Karen S will contact the office and ask for a PDF flier and something so we can do a bulletin article. (Update: Karen sent information on December 10.)

3. Announcements:

- a. Parish Council meeting Saturday December 19 is a joint meeting (all council and commission members and staff invited) with a breakfast pot-luck buffet.

- b. PAV Evangelization Committee update (Susie) Susie will send out the meeting minutes from the vicariate evangelization committee. Five parishes attended and there is definitely a desire among the parishes to work together and learn from each other.
- c. Proposed Saturday mass time change - (George and Susie) – This was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting and Father Stan agreed to poll the parish to see how much support there is for the change. This will be led by the Worship Commission.

4. **Roundtable** Let Karen Schenk know if anyone has any ideas about a Christmas poster to put up in the lobby.

5. **Closing Prayer** (Karen Schenk)

SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings:

St. Mary of the Hills – 7 – 9 p.m.

January 13 (WOF)
February 17 (WOF)
March 16 (WOF)
April 13 (WOF)
May 18 (WOF)
June 8 (WOF)

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PAV Evangelization Committee Meetings: St. Mary of the Hills – St. Andrew's classroom 7 – 9 p.m.

January 25, 2016
February 22
March 28
April 25
May 23