

## **Evangelization Committee Agenda**

Location: St Mary of the Hills, SMOTH Chapel

Date: Jan. 13, 2016     7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

### **1. Opening Prayer (7:00 – 7:05) (George Phillips)**

### **2. New Business:**

#### **a. Status of “Year of Mercy” – SMOTH activities being planned.**

- i. There will be a meeting in EOF Jan. 14 at 6:30 for those who wish to attend.  
(Contact Karen Dudek for details)

#### **b. Dynamic Catholic’s “Best Lent Ever” program (Susie Phillips)**

- i. This is a daily email program for Lent from Dynamic Catholic. This year it based on Matthew Kelly’s book “Rediscover Jesus,” which was the book that SMOTH distributed at Christmas
- ii. Susie received a promotion kit with posters, fliers, pulpit announcements and an information booklet describing the program, and gave that information to Deb to share with Father Stan.
- iii. There is no cost to the program, and it is a great follow-up to the Christmas book give-away - we just need to promote it so that parishioners can be registered and take advantage of the start date of Ash Wednesday.
- iv. Susie will prepare a promotional schedule, PPT slide for the Narthex and website, and a bulletin article. Deb will speak with Father Stan for his approval.

### **3. Project Updates: (7:20 – 8:00)**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>ChristLife</b>	<b>Clem, George, Jay, Deb, Mark</b>	<p>The Sharing Christ Graduation certificates will be distributed at the 9:00 mass on January 31. George prepared a PPT file with the certificates of each graduate. George and Susie also received an example commissioning prayer that was used by St. Ireneaus. Susie will forward the certificates to Deb for printing, and will send the proposed prayer to Deb and Father Stan for Father Stan’s approval.</p> <p>January 28 Potluck – Susie will send out a reminder to Sharing Christ graduates. The intention is to share stories and lessons learned about evangelization efforts since Sharing Christ finished in November, and to celebrate and have fellowship together. Spouses are invited.</p>

2	<b>Prayer Intercessors</b>	<b>Susie, Karen S</b>	The Evangelization Committee has been holding a weekly rosary Fridays at 5:00 for the intention of St. Mary of the Hills parish and parishioners. Susie will write a bulletin article inviting all parishioners to join , and there was discussion about how to capture prayer intentions from individual parishioners who may or may not be able to attend the rosary, and how to coordinate with Carol Hanna’s prayer intercessors. It was decided to try a prayer intentions box in the Narthex, which would supplement the current prayer intention avenue of calling the SMOTH office for notification to Carol. Deb will ask Judy Rhoads to make an attractive prayer intentions box. Susie will write a bulletin article and make up a form which can be filled out and placed in the box. Karen Schenk will talk to Carol Hanna. Those attending the 5:00 rosary will pray for the intentions in the box and then pass those on to Carol Hanna for her Prayer Intercessors. The goal is to have the prayer intentions box in place by Feb. 1, and use on a trial basis.
4	<b>Periodic Special Blessings:</b>	<b>Karen S</b>	Blessing for Volunteers (St. Vincent de Paul) – Sep 27 Feast Day. Work with Worship Commission. On hold until May. The goal is to have this special blessing take place the weekend of September 24/25.
5	<b>Christmas book distribution with bookmarks</b>	<b>Deb, Susie, George, Mark</b>	Report on results: The 4:00 and 4:15 masses both let out at the same time. It was very helpful to have the books loaded onto the wheeled carts. Volunteers came forward as needed to distribute. All masses were covered well. We could add someone at the hallway doors after the 4:15 mass to catch parishioners leaving the gym that way. For next year: it would be helpful to more clearly explain what we are handing out. We should ask Father to give a short explanation to hype the book, or have a parishioner speak about personal testimony related to the book program. The number of books distributed was about 600 for the 4:00/4:15 masses, and about 1200 by the end of Christmas day. The remaining 250 were taken home by parishioners on the following weekend.  We are invited to participate in St. Andrew’s blog (Father Bob). Mark has written a bulletin article to invite parishioners. It is in Jan. 17 bulletin.
6	<b>Contacting New Parishioners</b>	<b>Karen S, Deb, Mark , Beth</b>	No new list for December yet. Majority of calls go to voice mail (about 5 out of 6), and callers are leaving a message to call the church if needed.

<b>7</b>	<b>Library</b>	<b>George</b>	We will continue putting out new books or pamphlets – one group at a time - with bulletin articles. We should look for a better cart or better display area, maybe with seating available. The present location is not ideal: crowded, hard to use, hard to bend to see what is on the low shelves. Second, can we talk at mass to advertise the library – testimony about the good content?
<b>8</b>	<b>Library/ Bravehearts</b>	<b>Jay</b>	Word on Fire's "Mystery of God" piloted with Bravehearts, hosted by Jay Fedewa. The program started Saturday Jan 9, affectionately "Bishop Baron, Bacon and Bravehearts" will run two Saturday per month to view the program – 6 weeks. Twelve men participated with a lively discussion after a video.
<b>9</b>	<b>St. Paul Street Evangelizati on (SPSE)</b>	<b>Mark</b>	Mark gave an update on meeting/training and working with St. Andrew. Mark looked into dates for a training session. Mark talked to Adam, the founder. We can either have a one-day or a two-day seminar. They bring in a trainer (Randy Husaynu is one of the trainers). The group preferred the one-day option. (UPDATE since meeting: George shared the possible dates of April 23 and April 30 at the parish council meeting. Susan Kowalski from St. Ireneus would like to work with us and contacted Mark. St. Irenaeus would prefer April 23 due to a conflict on the 30 <sup>th</sup> at their parish.) Susie and George will send info to Father Stan for his approval of April 23 training. There is a cost for the training – participants are asked to pay about \$25 to offset the cost.
<b>10</b>	<b>Vocations Committee</b>	<b>George, Jay</b>	Status: Jay has a video on vocations from Netflix. Committee is invited to Jay's house on Tuesday Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Update: 6 committee members viewed the video at Jay's house and brainstormed about how to use the video and proceed with an active vocations effort at St. Mary's.)
<b>11</b>	<b>Electronic Sign proposal</b>	<b>Susie</b>	Information turned over to Finance and Building Committee. Gather lessons learned from other parishes and write "Mission statement" for the sign. Criteria should have something to do with outreach. Karen S would be willing to work on this later this year. There are other more urgent projects that the committee is working on currently.
<b>12</b>	<b>Night Fever for Rochester Hills Fireworks</b>	<b>Beth, Mark</b>	Mark has gathered information on the Night Fever program. We need to find out the date of the Rochester Hills fireworks. Beth noted that we would need live music, need priests for confessions, need to have greeters. Since this is a SPSE event, we bring in a team of people from the AOD. We could talk to Maureen Durkis for her

			contacts from Awaken for priests and musicians. AOD would be involved. They would support us with people who are familiar with previous events, T-shirts and scarves. Set up in the early evening. It would be good for committee to go to an event if there are any around now. It is similar to Awaken set up. Susie will approach Nick Jorgensen to see what he knows about it. Is grant money from the AOD available? Ask Father Stan: Training for SPSE in April, then segue into this. We also need to talk to Chris Kozlowski and other groups within St. Mary's to coordinate.
13	<b>Spring speaker/ Parish Mission</b>	<b>Jay</b>	Richard Lane will be speaking April 4 – 6. The contract is signed; check was written today. Jay has a summary sheet with the summary of costs and content. The suggestion is to have SMOTH sponsor the event. EvC and Bravehearts will help with activities. Advertise to other parishes and neighborhood. Need to Coordinate with other commissions. Need a publicizing sub-committee. Need to have refreshments after about 8:15 each night.
14	<b>Religious Freedom bulletin articles</b>	<b>Susie/ Mark</b>	Mark ran three-part article. It is important info. Recommend repeating it in Summer or late summer with the upcoming election. Susie will start the series after January 1.
15	<b>Matthew Kelly at St. Andrew's October 2016</b>	<b>Mark, Beth, George</b>	St. Andrew's contact is Tina Howell – Mark attended. Tickets are on sale on-line for \$39 each. From the work meeting on December 16 - they have posters and SMOTH has 100 tickets. Mark will start promoting during Lent, and this will fit well with the Matthew Kelly book discussion. About 7 other parishes also have 100 tickets each. The event is October 8. The goal is to sell all tickets.
16	<b>Midwest Catholic Apologetics Conference</b>	<b>Karen S/ Susie</b>	MAC III 1/16/16 at St. Cyril/Methodius -- Karen got details from SS. Cyril/Methodius. Susie wrote bulletin article. The conference is always very well attended.

#### 4. Roundtable (8:10-8:25)

##### a. Karen S: “Spiritual Adoption Prayer Pledge Program”:

- i. There will be a speaker after all masses January 23/24 speaker
- ii. This is tied into year of mercy; it is work of mercy

##### b. Susie: Need three committees for these activities by next month:

- i. SPSE training, Parish Mission, and Night fever

- ii. George will mention at Parish Council
- iii. We need involvement from other commissions
- iv. We need to present a summary/ status to Father Stan for his review and decisions as well

**5. Closing Prayer (8:25-8:30) Mark Joyce.**

**SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings:**

St. Mary of the Hills – 7 – 9 p.m.

February 17 (WOF)

March 16 (WOF)

April 13 (WOF)

May 18 (WOF)

June 8 (WOF)

**SMOTH Parish Council Meetings:**

January 16, 2016

February 20

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

**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