

Evangelization Committee Minutes

Location: St Mary of the Hills, West Overflow Room

Date: Feb. 17, 2016 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

1. Opening Prayer: Mark Joyce

2. New Business:

a. Evangelization Synod:

- i. Upcoming parish meetings: Hugh Buchanan will be facilitator; Susie Phillips, note-taker. Meetings will take place in May. No exact dates yet. Hugh and Susie will be attending training at St. Lawrence Friday February 19.

b. Parish Council Meeting:

- i. Looking for At-large member and officers for next year. Susie asked committee members to consider a nomination to parish council for themselves, or someone else, and possibly running for an officer position

c. SMOTH also needs a 2nd Vicariate rep (see Susie or Father Stan for details)

- i. Commitment is one evening per month, with a chance to see what is going on in the vicariate, and to make contacts at other parishes

d. EvC Budget: Due to Chris Kozlowski soon. Send ideas and needs to Susie.

- i. Deb said the budget is due downtown by May 15, but due to Chris K in March.
- ii. Suggestions: (1) ChristLife, (2) Library materials, (3) SPSE could use ongoing expenses, beyond training, and (4) Night Fever expenses. Send expenses to Susie to compile.

3. Project Updates:

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| 1 | ChristLife | Clem, George, Jay, Deb | January 28 Potluck was wonderful. There was good fellowship and friendship and support. The signup sheets from January 28 helped form a committee for the parish mission and a get a few new members for other EvC activities. January 31 commissioning at 9:00 mass was performed by Deacon Joe, with about 25 parishioners completing the ChristLife program. |
| 2 | Prayer Intercessors/ Friday Rosary | Susie, Karen S, all | Advertising Friday rosary in the bulletin has begun; many prayer requests are coming in. After praying for the request at the Friday rosary, the prayer requests are passed to Deb for Carol Hanna. The prayer requests are very touching. There is great need to pray for our parishioners and parish. Hugh brought up the fact that some of the women he interfaces with in his jail ministry have asked for prayers. He does a prayer service with them twice a month. He will |

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| | | | contact Carol Hanna for intercessory prayer. |
| 3 | Contacting New Parishioners | Karen S, Deb, Mark , Beth | Laura Corrion sent a new list. Beth will call the eleven new members. |
| 4 | Library | George, Susie, Deb | <p>The library has ordered reconciliation and rosary pamphlets to put out. We will let people know their availability through bulletin articles. Deb also ordered several books suggested by Denis Naeger, as shown below.</p> <p>1) The Name of God is Mercy by Pope Francis (5 copies @ \$16.87 hardcover)</p> <p>2) The Good Pope by Greg Tobin (about John XXIII and Vatican II - 2 copies @ \$ 14.87 paperback)</p> <p>3) My Life With the Saints by James Martin, S.J. (2 copies @ \$12.02 paperback)</p> <p>Other upcoming purchases “Unplanned,” by Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood employee and pro-life convert. Karen suggested we look for Ralph Martin’s renewal ministry DVD series on evangelization. Mark will look into it.</p> <p>In general, the committee has received positive feedback on the availability of the books and DVDs in the library and parish office.</p> |
| 5 | Bravehearts “Mystery of God” series by Bishop Robert Barron | Jay | Meetings are hosted by Jay Fedewa and have been held bi-monthly with good attendance and sharing. George had an opportunity to talk about evangelization at the last meeting was invited to speak at the Knights of Columbus meeting Tuesday Feb 16 as a follow-up. The committee is looking for cross-membership with the Knights and/or support for upcoming events. |
| 6 | St. Paul Street Evangelization | Mark | <p>Feb. 22 workshop is planned during PAV EvC meeting timeslot, with Randy Husaynu as the featured speaker. The cookie ministry will support the event with cookies. SMOTH will provide coffee. Randy asked for screen and projector, etc., and tables to display the SPSE information.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to get everyone’s appetite ready for the full-day training in April. There will be another Eventbrite registration for the April 23 all-day training. Contract for the 23rd training is signed and returned to SPSE.</p> <p>For anyone who can’t attend the 90-minute training at SMOTH, St. Cyril is also running it twice in March. Details are available on Eventbrite. Look for “10 ways...” on Eventbrite to register.</p> |

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| 7 | Night Fever for Rochester Hills Fireworks | Beth, Mark | AOD is holding an orientation for Night Fever at the Seminary on March 2. Susie sent meeting notice to Worship and others – need to announce at PC on Saturday and compile a list of participants. The purpose of the March 2 meeting is to have any parish that is interested in hosting a Night Fever event to come and learn about the program. So far, Mark, Beth, Deb, Karen, George and Susie are interested in going to the March 2 meeting. This is under investigation at this point. We will make a decision about how to proceed after this meeting. We need to think about budget, tasks and volunteer support, along with the list of what we need to purchase (post cards, hang tags, rosaries, something to hand out)? |
| 8 | Spring speaker/ Parish Mission | Jay | Richard Lane is coming to SMOTH April 4 – 6. The parish mission team has been formed and is meeting regularly. They have compiled several different versions of a flyer. As part of this event, Jay and others, including the Knights of Columbus, are pledging money to pay the cost of having Richard Lane run a mission at St. Charles Lwanga parish in Detroit, free of charge to them. This is the first time they have had a parish mission and they are very excited. Jay is looking for donations from individuals and groups to cover Richard’s cost for the mission at St. Charles Lwanga. Richard may also be available to talk to a school group during the days. Hugh will look into a possible contact with Loyola High School. The committee is investigating post card costs, and information packets for advertising at surrounding parishes. Susie will contact Judy Rhoades to get latest list of PAV bulletin editors. Jay is contacting Chris D. about using social media for advertising. We also need to plan fellowship (cookies, etc.). The church should still be beautifully decorated for Easter. We could plan for a banner with the theme of the mission “Mercy.” Hugh was asked for prayers for the mission in the prayers of the faithful. |
| 9 | Matthew Kelly at St. Andrew's October 2016 | Mark, Beth, George | St. Andrew's contact is Tina Howell – Mark attended the last meeting in December. Tickets are on sale on-line for \$39 each. SMOTH has 100 tickets in the office. Mark has the advertising info from Dynamic Catholic, which will be going in SMOTH bulletin soon. Mark will forward the Dynamic Catholic artwork to Judy and Deb for use in advertising at SMOTH. |
| 10 | Support/ Liason for SMOTH Commissions | All | We briefly reviewed current representatives to the SMOTH commissions and talked about potential changes. The current liasons are: Education: Clem and Susie Fellowship: Jay Stewardship: George Christian Service: Karen Worship: Beth and Hugh Susie asked the members to think about whether they would like to switch representatives, since they have been in these positions for |

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| | | | two years in most cases. It would also be desirable to have two members on each commission, so there aren't gaps in support if one must be absent. |
| Hiatus | Periodic Special Blessings: | Karen S | Blessing for Volunteers (St. Vincent de Paul) – Sep 27 Feast Day. Work with Worship Commission. |
| Hiatus | Vocations Committee | George, Jay | Core group will put together a mission and an event plan after the parish mission |
| Hiatus | Religious Freedom Bulletin articles | Mark/Susie | Susie will work with Mark to provide a series of articles to promote protection of religious liberty. |
| Hiatus | Electronic Sign proposal | Susie and Karen S | Information turned over to Chris Kozlowski for the Finance and Building Committee. The EvC could continue to help by gathering lessons learned from other parishes and writing a proposed "Mission statement" for the sign. Chris Kozlowski is doing the work to move forward. |

4. Announcements:

- a. **Deb announced that Father Stan has ordered 1000 "Beautiful Mercy" books** from Dynamic Catholic to hand out at Easter.
- b. **Karen Dudek sent an update for the parish Year of Mercy activities:**
 - i. Pilgrimage pamphlets have been made and are available in the narthex. Please plan to take part and on pilgrimage (warm months would be more pleasant) and invite new people to go.
 - ii. On Ash Wednesday Holy Family students all received a prayer card for the Jubilee that has the works of mercy on it. Principal says they will be referencing these cards throughout the Year of Mercy. They were very appreciative.
 - iii. Guest speakers will focus on Holy Family parents and how to teach their children about healthy relationships in the summer months.
 - iv. Please commit to praying for a prisoner for 6 months. The St. Dismas group requires no meetings, only a commitment to pray. You will be given a first name. Hugh and Beth will coordinate with the Worship Commission.

5. Roundtable

- a. **Karen Schenk** – Wants to get the link to the video that talks about the pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. Also recommends looking at Our Lady of Good Counsel website. It is phenomenal – homilies, podcasts, etc. Christ the King parish has 12 seminarians and

1000 people going through Alpha. Good places to look for inspiration and ideas.
(Update February 18: Karen and Beth will work with Jennifer Stembridge to get the link and door of mercy advertised at SMOTH.)

- b. **Deb Valot** - Chris Kozlowski is talking to vendors about the electronic sign proposal
- c. **Hugh Buchanan:** will be giving a talk at SMOTH on March 7, in the morning. He is expecting 30 people or more.

6. Closing Prayer (Hugh)

SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings:

St. Mary of the Hills – 7 – 9 p.m.

March 16 (WOF)
April 13 (WOF)
May 18 (WOF)
June 8 (WOF)

SMOTH Parish Council Meetings:

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.

February 22 (Changed to SPSE Workshop in Gym)
March 28
April 25
May 23