

Evangelization Committee Minutes: St. Mary of the Hills

Location: St. Mary of the Hills East Overflow Room

Date: May 18, 2016 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: Deb Valot, Clem Valot, Karen Schenk, Beth Belesky, George Phillips,
Susie Phillips, Hugh Buchanan, Mark Joyce, Mary Bomarito, John Hundiak

1. Opening Prayer: Hugh Buchanan

2. Project Updates:

#	Title	Leaders	Status
2	Night Fever	Mark and Beth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will have dinner early in the evening for the volunteers. 2. We will allow the volunteers who come here and park to pay the \$5 parking fee for youth group so that SMYG does not lose revenue. 3. We need priests for the evening. Mark is trying to reach Chris Gawal to see if Chris from the AOD can help. 4. Deb suggested that the priests don't have to spend the whole evening. They could park in Father Stan's driveway and walk over when needed. Mark will talk to Father Brian and Father Bob. 5. There was discussion about leaving a pathway through the Right-to-Life crosses that will be on display at that time. It was suggested that we should leave the path near the St. Mary's sign near the sidewalk because it is already lit. 6. Decorating the altar: Beth and Mary. We can use the monstrance, we can use the easel for the Divine Mercy image. We will use red and white altar draping. Beth is also working on getting a light from the Awaken group. 7. It is proposed to have the Blessed Sacrament displayed right after mass. We could have a signup sheet to make sure that someone is always in the church. Mark will talk to Father Stan to get Father Stan's idea of how to coordinate the mass and the exposition. Will there be a break in the evening, or put out the monstrance immediately after mass? 8. Beth will work on getting musicians. More next time. 9. Publicity: Mark will open Eventbrite with Chris G. Mark will write a bulletin article. Susie will take the bullet points and create slides for the Narthex, before mass announcements, website, and social media. 10. Deb is doing the hang tags. It is suggested that the verbiage include "light a candle" in addition to saying "NightFever" because most people will not know what NightFever is. 11. Security: Mark has talked to some people to get a crew assembled. John suggested that we let the Sheriff's department know that the building will be in use. The intention is to have a "lock-in" during the middle of the evening, so we would not be having the building open

			<p>to the public until after the fireworks. We need to have as much of the building locked up as possible to restrict public access to the classrooms, etc. We also need to go through the building at closing time (midnight or so) to make sure everyone is out. We also need to talk to Arnie to make sure that the outdoor sprinklers will not be going off during the evening and drenching people.</p> <p>12. Should also create signs to put on the doors during the evening that say “We are planning an event for you. Come back at 10:30 and light a candle at NightFever” so that people don’t try to come in.</p>
3	Table at Borden Park	Susie	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beth talked to Karen Dudek. She expressed that she cannot head up the booth and needs to pull back from committee activities due to family responsibilities. The committee is grateful to Karen Dudek’s role in establishing the committee and her contributions over the last few years. We look forward to Karen’s participation again in the future. 2. We need a point person for the booth. 3. George and Susie will talk to Jay Fedewa. He or Bravehearts might be interested in staffing the booth. They will also call Randy Husaynu to see if there are people with SPSE evangelization training who want to come and be at the table or mingle in the crowd. (Update 5/20/2016: Randy can come and bring his SPSE items and get a few more people. It would be helpful to have a few St. Mary’s people there also. We can go ahead with the booth, but need to line up people.) 4. We have until June 24, but space might run out. 5. The leader needs to plan all of the details: bringing in a table, tablecloth, canopy, literature, and everything. (Update 5/20/2016: Randy has most of the things we need. We need to coordinate with him.) (Update 5/21/2016: Jay has a tent that we can use.)
4	Dialogue Gathering Sessions	Hugh and Susie	<p>Dialogue sessions are to provide input into the November symposium (synod). The participants are to be asked questions about how they came to know Christ. There are three sessions planned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May 21 at the Parish Council meeting: The agenda will be dedicated to this dialogue gathering. Dan Greig will provide music at beginning and after break. We will be sitting by Commissions. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass. Hugh will send forms to Deb to print. Hugh has the PDF presentation. The session starts at 9:00 AM and will last until about noon. 2. May 25 – Eventbrite is starting to fill up. Calendar Hugh will talk to Laura Corrión about plates, cups, etc. and food for this evening. It will be catered. There has been no registration through the office to date. SMYG is helping with the evening (distribution of forms, etc.) 3. June 12 – a Townhall format is scheduled after the 11:00 mass. Hugh will advertise in the bulletin. The meeting lasts two hours. There is food served – a light meal.

5.	Parish Mission Follow-up	George and All	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. George and Susie talked to Father Stan about the “thank you” that Father Ted Parker from St. Charles Lawanga put into our bulletin on May 15. Father Stan is supportive of having joint activities and invitations with the St. Charles Lawanga parishioners. 2. Beth suggested that we invite the parish to our upcoming parish picnic. We can continue to brainstorm other ideas as well. 3. Hugh and Clem have suggested that we look into getting a group of people to go down to St. Charles Lawanga for a mass and discussion. 4. George and Susie will follow up with Father Parker to make a visit sometime early in July. We can give the personal invitation to come to the picnic.
6.	Advertising upcoming events at the Welcome Center	All	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was suggested that the committee advertise upcoming events at the Welcome Center. Events are in the bulletin, but not everyone reads the bulletin. We would have to discuss what events would be advertised. Other groups might want to participate. More discussion is needed.
6.	Personal Invitation to residents of the area	George	<p>New Initiative: George suggested that we consider putting together two-person crews to go door to door before Discovering Christ or specifically invite to other events. A healing mass would be a good event to invite people to. There was generally a positive reaction from the group. We would need to get information from the city and some guidance from SPSE and then get Father Stan’s approval. The proposal would be to do this in August and September, while the weather is still good, and we could specifically invite the public to the fall session of Discovering Christ.</p>

3. Roundtable

- a. **Clem/ Deb** – Will look into whether the ChristLife DVDs have been redone and are available for purchase. We should look into purchasing them before the end of June.
- b. **Karen S** – Will look into making a pathway through the crosses to accommodate Nightfever traffic. Mark will talk to Arnie about putting a floodlight out to light the pathway.
- c. **Mark**– There will be a Nightfever event on June 18 at Old St. Mary’s at Greektown at 5:30. Mark will send out a reminder and if anyone wants to go, we can carpool to experience it and see what it is like.
- d. **John** – There will be a Eucharistic procession from the Shrine to St. Mary’s of Royal Oak. Will be Saturday July 16 at noon. Called “Christ in the Streets.” Invited are all men of Christ. Look for registration.

4. Closing Prayer: Mark.

SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings:

St. Mary of the Hills – 7 – 9 p.m.

June 8 (WOF)

SMOTH Parish Council Meetings:

May 21 (Dialogue Gathering session for the synod preparation)

June 18

PAV Evangelization Committee Meetings: St. Mary of the Hills – St. Andrew’s classroom

7 – 9 p.m.

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