

## **Evangelization Committee Minutes**

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Attendance: Mark Joyce, Beth Belesky, Hugh Buchanan, Deb Valot, Karen Schenk, Marsha Owen, Jay Fedewa, Clem Valot, Susie Phillips, George Phillips, Susan Kowalski

Date: Oct. 12, 2016 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### **1. Opening Prayer (7:00 – 7:05) Hugh Buchanan**

### **2. Introductions (7:05 7:10)**

- a. Our new member, Denise Kay, was ill, but we are looking forward to seeing Denise next time.

### **3. New Business: (7:10 – 7:25)**

#### **a. ChristLife Discovering Christ Retreat Planning (for November 5):**

- i. Attendance: 40 approximate from both parishes
- ii. Fr. Alex not available, Hugh will invite Fr. Patrick.
- iii. MC's: Mark and Susan
- iv. Susan has some plans for music. Hugh can help. There was discussion about using a comedian for "fun-time" around lunch. Mark will bring a CD player for music during adoration, and Susan will bring the music.
- v. Jackie (Eat Happy Catering) will do the lunch; she needs us to tell her what menu we want. It was decided to keep it simple (sandwiches, salad, fruit) and let Jackie recommend something.
- vi. For breakfast and snacks, each of the volunteers will sign up to bring something. Deb and Karen will send out an email asking for sign-up.
- vii. Susan has sample programs from last year's retreat that we can update. We have the template for the Holy Spirit prayer cards. Susan has ordered the guides for Confession and they will be arriving this week.
- viii. Susan has scheduled four priests: Father Stan, Father Brian Chabala, Father Bob Johnson, and Father Mike LeFevre. One will be private; 3 will be face-to-face.
- ix. Prayer teams for intercessory prayer: Paula will help us secure 4 – 5 teams. Some who volunteered to help are Paula, Josh, Mark, Hugh, Karen, and Beth. Beth will talk to Paula about how many additional prayer teams are needed. They are needed at 1:30 on the retreat day.
- x. Father Stan will come over and help set up adoration.
- xi. AV person for the day will be Jay. We will work with Arnie to get details on the available equipment.
- xii. Beth and Susan will work with Kris at Holy Family on the details of which rooms to use.
- xiii. Beth and Susan will continue to work through details with emails.

**b. St. Paul Street Evangelization:**

- i. Mark showed the website, which has great resources:
  1. steetevangelization.com, and
  2. steetevangelization.com/Rochester/
- ii. St. Paul Street Evangelization(SPSE) had a busy summer; the Troy branch is organized out of St. Anastasia:
  1. Nightfever at the Shrine of the Little Flower, Rochester Hills Public Library outdoors, street festivals
  2. They use Facebook to communicate about upcoming outings
- iii. “FORMED” material is available for St. Paul Street Evangelization members. See Mark for the code.
- iv. Mark mentioned the Fr. John A. Hardon online BASIC CATHOLIC CATECHISM COURSE available to our parishioners or new members

**c. Vicariate meeting update: Fr. Kean, new Vicar (Susie and Hugh)**

- i. PAV VPC meeting minutes: Fr. Kean laid out the composition and vision for the vicariate. There will be 3 questions distributed to each parish’s Parish Council meeting to enable joint discussion at a future vicariate meeting. The questions are around the parish’s greatest accomplishments, greatest needs/roadblocks, and vision for their mission as an evangelizing parish.
- ii. PAV Evangelization Committee – Susie will talk to Father Kean about the possibility of re-engaging the VPC membership in future meetings.

**d. Stewardship Fair Oct. 22/23: Poster and Attendees**

- i. Susie and/or Deb will update the DC session date and article about the library.
- ii. Mark will provide SPSE info plus information to put on the table
- iii. Mark will give some photos from Nightfever.
- iv. Coverage for the three masses: 5:00 – anyone available, 9:00: George, Susie, Hugh and Karen; 11:00 - Mark. It was suggested to ask about having cider and doughnuts in the gym after the 5:00 mass.

**e. EvC Budget use:**

- i. Video Cart and projector. There was discussion about how the projector did not provide a clear picture on the first night of Discovering Christ. It was most noticeable when there was writing on the screen. The laptop/projector pair are at least 5 years old and are known to be quirky. There was support for offering \$500 – 600 from the EvC budget to support replacing the laptop/projector set-up on the AV cart. We would have to rely on parish staff like Arnie and Dan Greig to specify details.

- f. **New Idea:** Would we like to request a section of the bulletin dedicated to Evangelization activities? If we requested having a dedicated page, can we rotate the responsibility of supplying weekly content. We could plan by seasons of the year, and by upcoming activities. We will discuss again next month.

4. Project Updates: (7:25 – 8:10)

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	<b>ChristLife</b>	Clem and All	2 <sup>nd</sup> session tomorrow. 1 <sup>st</sup> week went well. The upgrade to the DVDs is nice. Discussions went well the 1 <sup>st</sup> week.
2	<b>Support/ Liaison for SMOTH Commissions</b>	All	Christian Service: Karen Education: Susie Fellowship: Jay Stewardship: Clem Worship: Beth and Hugh We could use a 2 <sup>nd</sup> representative to the commissions!
3	<b>Periodic Special Blessings:</b>	Karen	Blessing for Volunteers (St. Vincent de Paul) – <u>Sep 27 Feast Day</u> . Work with Worship Commission. Blessing for safe travel at Thanksgiving? Blessing of the Brains before final exams? Karen did talk to Father Stan. We will refine a proposal.
4	<b>Religious Freedom Bulletin articles</b>	Mark/Susie	Five articles summarizing the USCCB's guidance will run through November 6.
5	<b>St. Paul Street Evangelization</b>	Mark	Ongoing. Susan Kowalski and George are interested in being added to distribution for future events.
6	<b>Contacting New Parishioners</b>	Karen, Deb, Mark , Beth	Ongoing. Beth has done the contact the last few times.
7	<b>Matthew Kelly at St. Andrew's October 2016</b>	Mark, Beth, George	It was fantastic! Susie will present summary at PC meeting on Saturday. We can data-mine his talk for ideas and future action items.
8	<b>Prayer Intercessors/ Friday Rosary</b>	Susie, Karen, all	Ongoing. Typically about 6 people attend. We pray for our parish, for the needs in the prayer intention box, and for our personal needs. Anyone is invited to join.

9	Vocations Committee	George, Jay	Put together an event plan or intercessory prayer plan. Alex Kiowor handed us his binder of information after mass this month; he had worked on this previously. This could be an agenda topic for a future parish council meeting (tentatively Spring 2017).
10	Library	George and All	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discuss plan for better location and usage. (Jay has an example to show. We need to discuss this with Father Stan.)</li> <li>2. Have pamphlets to put out; want to couple with bulletin articles.</li> </ol>
11	Spring speaker/ Parish Mission / Field trip	All	Do we want to convert something from the brainstorming list? Join with another parish? Start thinking about what we could do in the spring. Have some discussion at the first of the year. Karen mentioned the Holy Trinity Apostolate at Ss. Cyril and Methodius during Lent.
12	Electronic Sign proposal	Susie and Karen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status? Waiting for an answer from Arnie.</li> <li>2. Compile lessons learned from other parishes and write "Mission statement" for the sign.</li> </ol>

## 5. Roundtable

- George:** Evangelization is charged with coming up with a plan to distribute Matthew Kelly's "Resisting Happiness" at Christmas.
  - Mark:** Mission for Men on November 5 at Ss. Cyril and Methodius.
  - Beth:** St. Andrew's has a Called and Gifted program coming November 11 and 12.
  - Beth:** There was talk about doing a periodic (perhaps monthly) chapel service for specific intentions.
  - George and Hugh and all** – there was discussion about starting prayer teams to be available to pray with individuals after mass.
  - Jay:** St. Cecilia (part of St. Charles Lwanga) is having a mass mob this Sunday at 10 AM
  - Karen:** Has "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" available for sharing.
- Susie : send budget line items as requested last winter to Arnie. Order book for marriage for the library.

## 6. Closing Prayer (Mark)

<b>SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings</b>	<b>SMOTH Parish Council Meetings</b>	<b>Parish Council Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting</b>
Nov. 16, EOF	Nov. 19	Fellowship
Dec. 14, TBD at HFRS	Dec. 17	Education
Jan. 18, TBD at HFRS	Jan. 21	Finance
Feb. 15, EOF	Feb. 18	Worship
Mar. 15, EOF	Mar. 18	Youth
Apr. 19, EOF	Apr. 22	Christian Service
May. 17, EOF	May. 20	Staff
Jun. 14, EOF	Jun. 17	Executive Committee or Other