

Evangelization Committee Agenda

Location: St Mary of the Hills, HFRS Conference Room

Date: Jan. 18, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer (7:00 – 7:05) Mark

2. Introductions (7:05 7:10)

- a. New member: Carol Birch, who is also a participant in the ChristLife program
 - b. Other new members: Jim and Theresa Ghormley, new parishioners
- Welcome, Carol, and Jim and Theresa!

3. New Business: (7:10 – 7:40)

a. 2016-17 EvC Budget use: (Susie)

- i. In the past few months, we have talked about a give-back to the parish to fund a new video cart and projector. There have also been some specific requests to add material to the library. There is some anticipated spending to support the Rochester Hills Fireworks with the SPSE booth, and Nightfever, which will both be on June 28 this year. We also discussed a potential give-back to the parish to help fund the electronic sign on John R.
- ii. Please send your short-term budget needs to Susie.
- iii. Susie will take a look at spending to date and reconcile this with the remaining budget.

b. 2017-18 EvC Budget plan: (Susie)

- i. Please send your budget needs for the upcoming fiscal year to Susie. We need to get this information to Finance soon so that they can send the overall parish budget proposal to the AOD.

c. Best Lent Ever Program (Beth)

- i. Dynamic Catholic program – Beth will order the materials.
- ii. We will need to plan how to make it known to parishioners (bulletin, posters, etc.)

d. Prayer Teams: (Beth, Clem, Deb, George, Susie)

- i. Beth, Clem, Deb, George and Susie attended Prayer Team training hosted by Fr. Pullis and Awaken ministries. Beth and Hugh will discuss this with the Worship commission: How we can incorporate this ministry at St. Mary's? Or incorporate in our outreach ministries, such as SPSE?
- ii. Some takeaways from the training were: Both preaching and healing, with the help of the Holy Spirit, are part of evangelization. We are walking in Jesus' footsteps, and he did both. There has been a charismatic renewal in the church,

- with many spiritual and physical healings. We, each one, have the authority to preach, bind spirits, and heal, by virtue of our baptism.
- iii. Some questions are: What events would the prayer teams support, would we try to do this periodically after mass, at what frequency, and where ?
 - iv. The suggestion was to get Paula Petkau’s feedback because of her experience in this area.

e. Weekly “Evangelization” bulletin column (All)

- i. The suggestion is to ask for a weekly ½ page column to keep parishioners informed about Evangelization. There is a wealth of information that we can relate from many sources: USCCB, AOD, Papal writings, SPSE, apologetics, activities, testimonies, techniques. Susie has lots of information we could use to fill at least ½ the monthly need, at least for the short term. Everyone on the committee would be invited to write columns. Deb, Karen, and Susie were interested in working on this proposal. Susie will put together a one-page proposal, forward it to Deb and Karen for review, and we will present this to Father Stan.

f. Website ideas for Evangelization:

- i. Jennifer Stembridge has been keeping up the website and has always open to suggestions. Since the website is such an important tool in outreach, it was decided that members would be on the look-out for visitor-friendly ideas over the next few months, and we would invite Jennifer in for a meeting to talk about the website sometime in the future. One idea is adding live links to send an email to ministry leaders, like HFRS has for their teachers.

4. Project Updates: (7:40 – 8:20)

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	Christmas book give-away debrief	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had good coverage for early masses, but 6 PM and 10 AM had only a couple of people handing out books. We did not get the email through to the EMs • Would help if the attendees were told there would be a gift, and a little about it – just two to three sentences while everyone is together, or a slide at an appropriate time would be helpful. • For distribution after masses, perhaps confirmation students could help and earn service points. • Suggestion: expand the request for help with distribution to the parish council distribution, plus EMs and Ushers.

2	ChristLife	Clem and All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Christ is starting 1/19/2017. Two tables with 10 participants planned. Will use St. Joseph room. Deb will support with refreshments.
3	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire and Ice festival will have fairly warm weather – about 50 degrees, might be able to do some evangelization over at the library. Mark will send out info. Wants to start up a list of events where we have a team. • Need to Chris Gawal about June 28, 2017 Nightfever during Rochester Hills fireworks. • Resource tent at fireworks (Jay and George)
4	Contacting New Parishioners	Karen, Deb, Mark , Beth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth had a list from Laura at the December meeting. Beth will see if Laura has a new list.
5	Vocations Committee	George, Jay, Susie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocations is part of Education according to AOD. Susie will bring it up with the Education Commission. (There are a lot of decisions to be made. What would an event look like? Pizza night for young people? Half day on Saturday of education and training? Day at the seminary?) Intent is in March Education/Evangelization would come to Parish Council with some ideas that we could execute by June/ or summer.
6	Library	George and All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss plan for better location and usage. • Advertise in bulletin about books and DVDs. • Could use a volunteer to keep library neat and organized. Deb Gorman might be interested. Follow up with Deb. Laura Corrión might have a suggestion of a librarian, also. • Create a purchase list for Spring 2017. Renewal ministries books, and Father Baron’s latest series: 2 copies of “Pivotal Copies” 1 blue ray and 1 DVD? \$169 with study guide.
7	EvC representatives to the Commissions	Susie and all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOAL: 2 per commission. Current list: • Christian Service – Karen • Education - Susie • Fellowship - Jay • Stewardship - Clem • Worship – Beth and Hugh • The commitment needed is a monthly Saturday meeting, to keep good communication and cooperation between Evangelization committee and

			each of the commissions, and potentially attending other commission meetings and supporting their activities if possible
8	Electronic Sign proposal	George and Susie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update: need funding. • Should bring it up at parish council again • Susie will create a “missed opportunities” list with events we could have advertised, to get the sign back into discussion • We can offer our unused budget • Fr. Stan is aware of the advantages of the sign. It is high in the priority for next capital improvements. • Karen suggested yard signs for parishioners to put in their yards. “Ask me about St. Mary of the Hills.” Karen will think of phrases and send out for group-think. Jay may have a source for printing the signs as well.

5. Roundtable (8:20-8:30)

- a. Mark: Awaken on Friday at Guardian Angels – Fr. Bob Johnson. Also has a blog going through the book “Resisting Happiness.” “Bringing it with Father Bob.”
- b. Karen: Two of the Chalices in the sacristy are for vocations, per Mary Bomarito.
- c. Jim and Theresa: enjoyed the meeting. New members.
- d. Carol Birch: Noted some programs running at St. Cyril’s: Do you believe in Miracles on Feb. 12, and Lenten Symposium. They had 200 people at 1st Alpha meeting.
- e. Jay: Noted that we had 12 disciples at the table for tonight’s meeting.
- f. George mentioned the 5:00 rosary in the chapel, every Friday, with the prayer petition box. Everyone is invited.

6. Closing Prayer (Karen)

SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings	SMOTH Parish Council Meetings	Parish Council Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting
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	Finance