

## Evangelization Committee

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Date: April 19, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: George Phillips, Jay Fedewa, Karen Schenk, Peter Mattera, Angie Mattera, Clem Valot, Deb Valot, Beth Belesky, Carol Birch, Denise Kay, Susie Phillips, Thaddeus Ezeh, Hugh Buchanan, Mark Joyce

1. **Opening Prayer** (George Phillips)

2. **Welcome to Peter and Angie Mattera who have attended for the first time. They have joined St. Mary’s after many years at St. Blasé. Welcome!**

3. **New Business:**

**a. “Formed” distribution Debrief (All)**

- i. The number of people handing out the cards after mass was good. Father Stan had the gift of the cards announced at masses, which helped awareness of the gift that was being handed out. There were 2000 printed, and most were handed out.
- ii. The new greeter program went well. People liked having the door opened for them. It would be a great thing to institute, but need a lot of manpower and a person to lead the activity.
- iii. Father Stan was very happy with the Easter celebration. Mass attendance was up. There were almost 200 children at the Easter egg hunt, including a few dozen from outside the parish.

**b. Newcomer Dinner Debrief (Mark, Jim, Theresa, and All)**

- i. April 9: first quarterly dinner. Report was that it was very nice – good fellowship, and well attended, and convenient after 11:00 mass. About 9 families attended, and Father Stan gave a tour, and there was a gift bag, including Matthew Kelly CD.

4. **Project Updates: (7:15 – 8:00)**

#	Title	Leaders	Status
1	<b>2016-17 EvC Budget use</b>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yard Signs</li> <li>- Fireworks tent rental</li> <li>- SPSE materials for Nightfever, etc.</li> <li>- Library</li> <li>- Giveback toward: Laptop/projector/ technology, Electronic sign, or Picnic</li> <li>- The picnic committee has had one meeting</li> <li>- (Picnic will be August 27)</li> </ul>
2	<b>Book display cart for Library</b>	All/ Karen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- George and Jay talked to Father Stan about improving the presentation and the use of the library.</li> <li>- Father Stan suggested that we exercise use of the rolling carts – moveable for activities in the gym or other rooms</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We discussed the purchase of a Lighthouse display cart/ kiosk for \$199 one sided or /\$299 two sided</li> <li>- It was suggested to get usage up by a few new books, and better display on permanent or moveable shelves.</li> <li>- We will write some bulletin articles though the summer.</li> <li>- Karen and Hugh will follow up and try to get information on similar carts or display shelves for comparison.</li> </ul>
3	<b>Core Members</b>	George and All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parish Council has asked each commission/committee to pick up to 3 core members to help with legacy/transition and maintaining the momentum of each group. Denise, Mark and Jay all volunteered to serve. We will need to decide which volunteers take the 1 year, 2 year, and 3 year terms.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Booth at “Festival of the Hills” fireworks (Wed. June 28)</b>	Jay	Jay will head up the booth this year. George volunteered to help. We need more volunteers, and Mark will announce to SPSE. This was very successful last year. Jay will look into the cost of the permit. George will announce the need for volunteers at the April Parish Council meeting and it will be an agenda item at the May Parish Council meeting.
5	<b>St. Paul Street Evangelization</b>	Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPSE just completed Basic Evangelization training at St. Collette’s. There will be more opportunity for training later this year. They will start street evangelization in the park starting soon. Mark will post some information. Everyone is invited to participate. It is supported by multiple parishes. Mark can offer training to anyone who wants it. Starts in mid-May.</li> <li>• Denise’s friends in a rosary group have made and donated 500 rosaries for SPSE to hand out. It was suggested that the committee provide support to this group for the materials to make the rosaries. Susie will talk to Deb about how to do this.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Contacting New Parishioners</b>	Beth	Waiting for new list. Mark had good success with actually getting to talk to people live on his calls from last month.
7	<b>Vocations Committee</b>	Susie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susie is building a network of resources and plan for keeping this in focus (bulletin and website).</li> <li>• Karen is on mailing list for SHMS and the seminarians write interesting articles, and they recently visited St. Andrews. We could use information from the seminary to provide interesting articles, and encouragement.</li> <li>• Tom Merlo is going to talk after the 3 masses to explain how CSA provides support for the seminarians.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George mentioned a booklet of “Prayers for Vocation.”</li> <li>• Hugh is going to keep prayers for vocations in the mass intentions periodically.</li> <li>• Thaddeus suggested using social media such as Facebook to get the message to the right people. It should be presented short, and engaging.</li> <li>• We could also contact Chris Kozlowski to present the information.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Yard Signs</b>	Karen, Jay	Yard signs for parishioners. George and Jay will run this by Father Stan at the next executive committee meeting. Slogans and cost TBD.
9	<b>EvC Representatives to the Commissions</b>	Susie and all	GOAL: 2 per commission. Current list: Christian Service – Karen Education - Susie Fellowship – Jay, Denise Stewardship – Clem, Mark Worship – Beth and Hugh <i>Carol B said she would serve wherever needed.</i>
10	<b>Prayer Teams</b>	Beth and Worship Commission	Beth and Hugh have talked to the Worship Commission. Need a plan to present to Father Stan. Will revisit this next month.
11	<b>Weekly Evangelization Bulletin Column</b>	Susie, Theresa, Jim	Susie has the one-pager to present to Father Stan. Jim and Theresa volunteered to facilitate. We can rotate writing the columns through the group. Topics will be various aspects of evangelization and apologetics. We need to meet with Father Stan for approval.
12	<b>Electronic Sign proposal</b>	George	The plan is to fund this with CSA. Future action item: draft “usage guidelines.”
13	<b>Sharing Christ Retreat Planning</b>	Clem and All	The program has 4 more sessions plus the retreat on May 13. Clem has passed out the retreat schedule, but Clem and Deb will be out of town. It is on the calendar to be held here at SMOTH. It is not a big group. We should only need one priest – is Father Stan available. (On the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition at Fatima.)

### 5. Roundtable (8:00-8:15)

- a. Jay mentioned his experience at the recent Bravehearts Bible study meeting at his home on Saturday April 8. A family of Jehova’s witnesses rang the doorbell, Jay invited them in, and there was an inspired discussion. It turns out that the Bravehearts were studying the same chapter in Luke that this family quoted to the Bravehearts – the same page in the Bible!

- b. Karen mentioned an article from the Michigan Catholic. St. Isadore in Macomb township has an advertisement at Emagine Theater, which invites the community to come to St. Isadore's. They also have had a speaker and music series in Advent, resulting in a 50% growth in membership. Mark mentioned that Emagine has been open to Christian advertisements.
- c. Thaddeus reminded us of the importance of how we live our lives. People are watching. Living in a Christ-like way is important, not just calling ourselves Christian. When we are reminded of this as we leave mass, we should take it to heart and remember this throughout the week.
- d. Peter thanked the group for the meeting, and hopes to be part of the group.
- e. Angie thanked us for the many activities that are going on, and finds it inspiring.
- f. Denise and Carol recommend the movie "The Case for Christ." It is at some MJR and AMC's locally. Also, Denise asked if there has been any thought of doing an end-of-the-year gathering sometime. And, a reminder: Awaken is this Friday – third time at St. Mary's in Royal Oak.
- g. Mark mentioned a convert from the SPSE program who was brought into the church at the Easter vigil. Also, Awaken is coming here this summer, with Father Matias Thelen as one of the speakers.
- h. Denise also announced that Steve Ray will be at St. Irenaeus August 27.
- i. George is looking for volunteers to assist with the laptop sign-up for CSA after any of the masses this coming weekend. Arnie will provide a tutorial for volunteers.

**6. Closing Prayer (Mark Joyce)**

<b>SMOTH Evangelization Committee Meetings</b>	<b>SMOTH Parish Council Meetings</b>	<b>Parish Council Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting</b>
May. 17, EOF	May. 20	Staff
Jun. 14, EOF	Jun. 17	Finance