

Evangelization Committee

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Date: May 17, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: George Phillips, Peter Mattera, Angie Mattera, Jay Fedewa, Clem Valot, Deb Valot, Beth Belesky, Theresa Ghormley, Hugh Buchanon, Karen Schenk, Denise Kay, Susie Phillips

1. Opening Prayer (Karen)

2. New Business

a. Advertising at the Movies – Angie

i. Discuss from St. Isadore example: The Emagine theater approached St. Isadore to advertise for the parish before the movie. The price varies and goes up closer to showtime. The St. Isadore film was well done. This would be a project for next year. We should get prices, and talk to the parish council. We should also consider advertising for a specific event or purpose. See the recent article in the Michigan Catholic.

- **Synod update from Fr. Kean - Susie:** Father Kean told the vicariate pastoral council that the document is coming together for the synod. It has a nice visionary quality. There are going to be some “work areas” that will be given to us as parish – so there will be some concrete direction for the parishes. The content has not been revealed – but it is expected that there will be some things that we will need to do differently in parish life.
- **“What do you want from the Vicariate?” - Hugh/ Susie.** All are invited to Vicariate Pastoral Council meeting June 6 – 7:00 at St. Andrew’s campus –HFRS Multipurpose room for this discussion on the future of the Pontiac Area Vicariate.

3. Project Updates

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	2016-17 EvC Budget use	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fireworks tent rental- SPSE materials for Nightfever, etc.- Library- We recently ordered the Father Baron series “Pivotal Players”- The fiscal year ends June 30.
2	Book display cart for Library	All – Next Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exercise use of the cart – moveable• Clem has pictures of the Manresa library. Other parishes have attractive library/conference rooms.• New books will be purchased prior to June

			<p>30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father Stan would like to track the use of “Formed” and have the discussion about the place of the hard-copy library as well. • Karen suggested that we have a coordinator for the library that we do have, and use the limited space to its best advantage. This would be a good ministry for a new member. • Use bulletin to advertise for summer.
4	Booth at “Festival of the Hills” fireworks	Jay	<p>Has the form for permit at the Festival which costs \$100. Jay hopes to bring a signup sheet. Denise Kay will work on the reimbursement form for the 500 rosaries made by the St. Irenaeus ladies. Need to order from SPSE: possibly pamphlets and prayer cards. Jay will talk to Mark about the remaining order. Beth brought up the car hangtags. Deb will re-order the same design that we used last year. Set up of the tent starts at 2:00.</p>
5	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are on the 2017 Nightfever calendar for Rochester Hills fireworks • Present at April/May parish council • We will ask Mark on the dinner and training and volunteer scheduling. We need to provide dinner for the people at the tent as well. • Denise wants to remind everyone that the group is meeting at the Rochester Hills walk area tomorrow 5/18 from 6 to 8 PM.
6	Contacting New Parishioners	Beth	<p>Deb has a list. Deb, Theresa, Jim, and Beth will divide up the calls.</p>
7	Vocations Committee	Susie	<p>Building network of resources and plan for keeping this in focus (bulletin and website) http://detroitpriest.com/. Karen said there is an excellent video under “resources” that every parent should see. The website advocates preaching to support vocations several times per year. Want to utilize the bulletin for the summer. Could feature a different religious order each week to keep this opportunity in people’s minds.</p>

			A leader is needed for this ministry.
8	Yard Signs	Karen, Jay	Yard signs for parishioners. Present at Parish Council/ run by Father Stan? Slogans and cost TBD. We will continue pursuing this during the next fiscal year. After we get a little more information and costs, George will bring it up with Father Stan. We could tie it to some future parish event. There may be restrictions against yard signs in some condos, etc.
9	EvC representatives to the Commissions	Susie and all	GOAL: 2 per commission. Current list: Christian Service – Karen Education - Susie Fellowship – Jay, Denise Stewardship – Clem and Mark Worship – Beth and Hugh <i>Where did Carol B select?</i>
10	Prayer Teams	Beth and Worship Commission	Beth and Hugh have talked to the Worship Commission. Beth gave Father Stan the one-pager and they have corresponded with email. Father Stan is supportive of the idea, but they need to talk about details. Beth proposed rolling out on a small scale this summer, with some advertising prior. Angie and Peter were on a prayer team at St. Blasé and the prayer teams there were available before mass. There has to be screening and training for the prayer teams. There was discussion about having the prayer teams available after mass instead, and perhaps using the chapel and/or confessional room.
11	Weekly Evangelization Bulletin Column	Susie, Theresa, Jim	Need to talk to Father Stan. Jim is working out a time to meet with Father.
12	Electronic Sign proposal	George	CSA funds will be used to complete the funding. There was acknowledgement that the signs are very expensive, but can be used for both information and inspiration given to passersby.
13	Sharing Christ Retreat Planning	Clem and All	Moved to Saturday May 20. We will gather after the Parish Council meeting, meet throughout the afternoon, go to mass together,

		and then gather again and wrap up after mass. George suggested as “next steps” that we have a pot-luck dinner for the ChristLife attendees and the Evangelization Committee, possibly in July.
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4. **Committee leadership:** George explained that at this time of year, each Commission and our Committee must choose their leadership and their representative to the parish council. This person can be one person or two different people. The other commissions will be asked to discuss this Saturday May 20 at their meetings. The consensus was to have George and Susie continue for one more year as committee co-chairs, and have George continue as the Evangelization representative to the parish council.

5. **Roundtable**

- a. Beth asked if we have any numbers on the “Formed” signup and usage. George will ask Father Stan. There was discussion about continuing to promote “Formed” in the bulletin and at mass, and to highlight specific upcoming programming.
- b. Beth will also try to find out how many people from St. Mary’s signed up for the Dynamic Catholic “Best Lent Ever.”
- c. Karen reported that Hugh and his wife Mary Ellen did a beautiful job at a recent OPC musical.
- d. Denise announced that at the last picnic planning meeting the decision was made not to advertise to the public, but to allow parishioners to invite their families and neighbors. This is based on the identity of the picnic as a celebration of our parish fellowship. The theme is “Under the Big Top.” The cost will be \$5 per person. There will be food and entertainment.
- e. Susie – will send out the meeting notice for the Pontiac Area Vicariate Council meeting in June when we will discuss “What we want to do as a vicariate.” All are invited.
 - i. Clem also suggested that we discuss other opportunities to advertise between parishes, such as Facebook and the website, and not only the bulletin. Hugh suggested something like an “Around the Vicariate” section or column.
- f. Susie suggested that next year we consider hosting a Catholic book swap. Clem then suggested that we do this at coffee and doughnuts, and Karen suggested that there should be an adult section and a children’s section.
- g. Denise has done some beautiful work on some possible Evangelization Committee logos that we could use for future bulletin articles and events.

6. **Closing Prayer** (Hugh)

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