

Evangelization Committee

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Date: June 14, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Present: George Phillips, Carol Birch, Marcia Owen, Deb Valot, Karen Schenk, Jim Ghormley, Beth Belesky, Mark Joyce, Jay Fedewa, Thaddeus Ezeh, Susie Phillips

1. Opening Prayer (George and Jay)

2. New Business:

a. Unbound Conference (Beth)

- i. St. Anastasia: Saturday July 29: In conjunction with the AOD
- ii. All day conference: “About the freedom to be the person God created you to be.... know without doubt that you are God’s beloved child.”
- iii. <http://www.stanastasia.org/unbound-conference-72917/> Cost is \$25

b. Synod Document Released at Pentecost (Susie and Beth)

- i. Location: unleashthegospel.org
- ii. Not hard to read. Very good concrete points to read at the end, and milestones along the way are very good. Notes from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council meeting June 12:
 1. We are not short on good ideas historically, the problem is executing and keep the synod energy going. Other important finds in the document: Intercessory prayer, the guideposts, looking at ourselves critically. The Archbishop said be bold, and to have a sense of urgency, and to create a shallow entry point. We are living in a post-Christian culture and it is becoming an anti-Christian culture. No bystanders.

c. Summer Potluck/ Team Building (George)

- i. August 8 was chosen as the date. We will start the meal at 7:00, and can set up before.

d. Rosary (Susie): We have requested to continue the Friday rosary reservation for the chapel through May 2018. Deb said that is the only activity on Friday afternoon sometimes, and the church might normally close at 3 PM then. If the church is closed, we will say the rosary outside.

e. Right-to-Life Crosses go up Saturday June 17 (Karen). Rosaries start on Sunday. Karen has this advertised in the bulletin and on the website.

3. Project Updates:

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	2016-17 EvC Budget use	Susie / Deb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remaining Budget use. Need to reconcile where the parish purchase of “Formed” is charged. As of June 14, it was charged to Evangelization’s account. We have remaining items to cover in June, including the cost of SPSE booth and Nightfever, and “Resisting Happiness” books for SAW students and parents, and Bibles for graduating seniors. Deb will talk to Arnie and Father Stan about the use of our remaining budget.
2	Library	Karen/ Louise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a need to improve the presentation and accessibility of the library. One suggestion is to remove the middle bulletin board and install tall book shelves in the middle. We might still be able to have the book case on wheels. There might be two additional people who would be interested in the maintenance of the library. Periodic advertising in the bulletin would also help. - Thaddeus suggested that once in a while we hand out prayer booklets or prayer cards as books about the saints as people leave mass. This might get the information in people’s hands, instead of having it sitting on a shelf.
3	Booth at “Festival of the Hills” fireworks	Jay	We have two parking spots and they will be needed for the volunteers who are bringing the tent and materials. Other volunteers can park at St. Mary’s. Jay needs volunteer support.
4	Nightfever	Mark & Susie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers are needed. There are some SPSE volunteers, and Chris Gawal has put out a web sign-up. Chris will bring the candles and other items. • We will ask for volunteers at the June parish council

5	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark	Thursdays at RH Library, 6 – 8 PM. Look at the website for stories and information.
6	Contacting New Parishioners	Beth & Theresa	Beth called the list from Laura. Theresa was able to contact her list as well, and talked to a new parishioner who may be interesting in coming to a committee meeting.
7	Vocations Committee	Susie	Vocations material can be distributed at the meet-and-greet table in the fall.
8	Yard Signs	Karen, Jay	Yard signs for parishioners. We would need to present at Parish Council and/or run by Father Stan. Slogans and cost TBD. Moved out to September 2017.
9	EvC representatives to the Commissions	All.	GOAL: 2 per commission. Current list: Christian Service – Karen Education - Susie Fellowship – Jay, Denise, Carol B Stewardship – Clem, Mark Worship – Beth and Hugh
10	Prayer Teams	Beth and Worship Commission	Beth and Hugh have talked to the Worship Commission. Beth has talked to Father Stan. Beth needs a solid list of people who are willing to volunteer, and have a meeting some evening. We would like to get some help from Paula Petkau, because of her experience with prayer teams. Beth would like to start up this ministry this summer.
11	Weekly Evangelization Bulletin Column	Theresa, Jim	Jim had some thoughts about the advantages and disadvantages of having a dedicated column space with a heading. The main thing is seeing what Father Stan thinks about the precious space in the bulletin. There are a lot of things that could be communicated to parishioners to educate and inspire them.
12	Electronic Sign proposal	George	Waiting for CSA funding.
13	Other projects for September 2017	Unstaffed	We have discussed the example of St. Isadore, who created an inspiring video and advertised at Emagine Theater - \$\$'s would be needed. Committee members are submitted to submit any ideas and we will capture them for discussion in September.

4. Roundtable

- a. **Carol Birch:** St. Cyril's has a program going on "Journey to the Heart of Jesus." She also picked up a good idea from their bulletin: take the prayer intention box around to church events so people see it and can submit their prayer requests.
- b. Mark Joyce: There is a Eucharistic procession for men on Saturday July 22 "Christ in the Streets" in Rochester. It starts at St. Andrews's at 11:00 AM and processes with the Eucharist through the streets of Rochester.
- c. Susie talked about the exciting meeting at the vicariate and the enthusiasm for working together and "Unleashing the Gospel." The plan is to start out with a retreat for the council members in the fall, and discussions which will take place about the future meeting structure and possibilities for the vicariate.
- d. George thanked all of the committee members for their service throughout the year and invited them to attend the joint parish council/ commission meetings on Saturday June 17. The whole morning goes from 8 to 11.

5. Closing Prayer