

Evangelization Committee

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Date: April 11, 2018 7:00 – 8:450 p.m.

Attendance: Theresa Ghormley, Jim Ghormley, Susie Phillips, Jay Fedewa, Mark Joyce,
Denise Kay, Beth Belesky, Karen Schenk, Deb Valot, Clem Valot

1. Opening Prayer (Karen)

2. New Business

a. Nominations for new officers (Chair, Co-chair and Secretary).

- i. Denise is willing to be co-chair. Mark is willing to be co-chair. We still need a nomination for secretary. There was also discussion about changing the meeting night from Wednesday to another night.

b. Nightfever Planning (Mark, Denise, Jay and All)

- i. Contact with AOD (Mark)
 1. The event is on AOD calendar . Mark talked to Patrick Howard, YACM at AOD, who replaced Chris Gowal.
 2. AOD will provide support materials, including candles, identifiers (which are now hats instead of T-shirts), and banners for the doorway. AOD will also provide publicity with Eventbrite on the AOD and YACM websites. We should add to SMOTH and SPSE website.
- ii. Advertising at SMOTH: Susie will send to bulletin and website, with CC to Chris Kowalski for his awareness.
- iii. There was discussion about parking over the cross-hatches – we need to use cones to prevent this so there is a walkway from the sidewalk at John R to the church entrance. We need to remind the K of C to leave space to walk through the crosses, as they did before.
- iv. Father Stan and Dan Greig are aware of the date, and the event is on the SMOTH calendar for June 27. Deb/Beth will mention again and make sure it is on Father Stan and Dan's personal calendars.
- v. In May, we should discuss the meal. Deb is willing to shop. The meal is combined meal with SMYG, since parking donations for this night is their fundraiser. Theresa is willing to help with the meal.
- vi. The evening schedule is tentatively the same as last year: Arrive at 7 PM, have the meal, fellowship, set-up the church, train volunteers for the three roles (prayer, parking lot, and guides from front doors into church), and then mass at 9 PM. This year we need to get more teams out in the parking lot.
- vii. Security: It was recalled that Carol Birch may have a friend who is willing to help. We should assign someone to accompany people who want to use the facilities when the building is locked – let them in and then make sure they leave the building.
- viii. Deb will order the hangtags. Beth is planning for lighting and candles.

- ix. The SPSE tent at the park is the co-event for this night. We have rosaries and Mark will order more materials. Jay will contact Rochester Hills and get the reservation for the booth in May.

c. Budget Usage through June 30 (Susie)

- i. Complete the Discovering Christ/ Following Christ programs
- ii. Nightfever/ SPSE booth expenses
- iii. On-going support for SPSE. Denise will fill out copy of the requisition to pay St. Irenaeus Rosary Group for rosaries.
- iv. Book give-away to SMYG and Graduates. Dynamic Catholic has a new book called “A Graduate’s Guide to Life.” We could order some for the Graduation Brunch gifts. We need to identify a HS book gift. Discuss more in May.
- v. Jim brought copy of new Dynamic Catholic book “Turning Point.” This can be used for small group discussion. Discuss more in May.
- vi. Summer “Take your faith with you” book giveaway.
- vii. Library Purchases
- viii. Formal give-back of remainder for the electronic sign.

d. Name-tag Sunday (Beth)

- i. Date will be May 5 and 6.
- ii. Beth has been working with Lisa Larson to generate a “to do” list. We need a lot of volunteers to greet people. Beth would like to put this on the parish council agenda. She will plan on talking to the volunteers in the chapel before we separate into commission meetings.
- iii. Explanation of this activity: This is a way to get to know your neighbor. Someone greets you as you come into mass, and help you fill out a nametag. Parishioners wear their name tags during mass. Father will announce this is name-tag Sunday, and there may be an ice-breaker question. Then there may be special refreshments after Sunday masses.
- iv. Beth will work with Lisa on a bulletin article to announce to the parish.
- v. Sherry Link has confirmation students who need service hours. They could be asked to hold the door and greet people.

3. Project Updates:

Number	Title	Leaders	Status
1	Following Christ	Clem	Status: Thursday evenings, starting April 12. Most of the Discovering Christ participants are continuing, except for a few with illness or scheduling issues. Jim said, that as participants, they found this a very good and powerful program. Jay will run the leadership meetings at 6:30 PM.
2	Library	Karen/ Louise/ Susie	Send requests for new material to Susie for compilation. Susie will send a bulletin article to Laura to advertise the library. We will add a

			notation about the DVDs once a space to display/check-out is available. Karen suggested that we could have a form to invite parishioners to do a mini book report which could be published in the bulletin.
3	St. Paul Street Evangelization	Mark / Denise	SPSE is coming out of the winter season. There is a pod-cast which started this week called “Stories from the street.” (Go to streetevangelization.com to find the podcast and information about an upcoming retreat.) Mark can supply information on joining the group. They are hoping to grow the group. They will be evangelizing on Wednesday nights near Rotary Park near the Rochester Hills Public Library. The time is typically 5 PM – sunset, weather permitting.
4	Contacting New Parishioners	Beth & All	We are waiting for new call list from Lisa.
5	Yard Signs	Karen, Jay	Karen has generated a list of potential slogans. Jay has looked into costs. Costs vary a lot based on core-cardboard vs. the bag-over-wire design, and by size and quantity. This idea has been mentioned at Parish Council, but we need to run this by Father Stan. It is known that signs cannot be placed on easements. Jay will try to get information on Rochester Hills ordinances about signs in yards. Condo owners in the group said that there are restrictions prohibiting or limiting signs for yards in condominium by-laws.
6	EvC representatives to the Commissions: Next year	Goal is 2 persons per commission	PC Officers – Jay (VP) Christian Service – Karen Education – Needed. Deb is considering. Fellowship – Jay, Denise, Carol B Stewardship – Clem, Mark Worship – Beth and Hugh Evangelization Committee: Needed.
7	Prayer Teams after Mass	Beth and Hugh	Worship Commission is discussing. Paula has put together some guidelines. Planning is continuing to provide guidelines and instructions. This may be rolled out as soon as this summer.
8	Nametag Sunday	Beth and Worship Commission	Discussed under “New Business”
9	Bulletin Column	Theresa, Jim	Ongoing. Jim and Theresa are writing weekly articles. They are okay with handling weekly content, and welcome articles from others as well.

			Jim said that is there is an article someone wants, please send to him in a timely fashion so he can send it in. He also said that if someone has a suggested topic, they can also send that to Jim and Theresa. Karen has given an article to Jim, and Denise is drafting one.
10	Electronic Sign	George	Still planned when funding is complete.
11	Nightfever/Festival of the Hills SPSE booth	Jay, Mark, and All	Discussed under “New Business”

4. Roundtable (7:45 – 7:55)

- a. Mark: St. Cyril’s has a play “Maximilian” this Saturday, about St. Maximilan Kolbe, for a free will donation. Mark also mentioned the new Papal Encyclical on holiness:
http://m.vatican.va/content/francescomobile/en/apost_exhortations/document_s/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html#&ui-state=dialog
- b. Beth reviewed a draft of the bulletin article on Name tag Sunday with the group. She will refine it.
- c. Karen: Life-span will be selling carnations after Mother’s Day masses May 12-13. Theresa volunteered to help. Right-to-Life crosses and nightly rosary by the crosses will start again in June, from Father’s Day weekend through the day after the fireworks.

5. Closing Prayer (Mark)

Remaining meetings:

SMOTH Evangelization Committee (2nd Wednesdays)	SMOTH Parish Council	Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting
	April 21	Fellowship
May. 9, EOF	May. 19	Youth
Jun. 13, EOF	Jun. 16	Staff