

Evangelization Committee

Location: St Mary of the Hills, East Overflow Room

Date: May 9, 2018 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jay Fedewa, Denise Kay, Carol Birch, Mark Joyce, Judy Dekeyser,
Karen Schenk, Clem Valot, Deb Valot, Beth Belesky, Susie Phillips

1. Opening Prayer (Karen)

2. New Business:

a. Nominations for new officers (Secretary).

- i. Two-year term. Mark and Denise agreed to be co-chairs, unopposed.
- ii. Still need a secretary. There were no volunteers. We will discuss again in June.
- iii. Susie will send past documents to Mark and Denise (agenda, budget, etc.) for their use as templates if they desire.

b. Nightfever Planning (Mark, Denise and All)

- i. The Booth and Nightfever, and the need for volunteers, is being advertised in the bulletin, website, and narthex board.
- ii. Mark has contacted the AOD, and they will put together a posting for Facebook. They will also provide candles, candle rack, and hats to identify the volunteers.
- iii. Nightfever set up starts at 7:00 PM. Mark sent in an order for all of the give-away materials through SPSE. Denise has some rosaries and will pick up more from the St. Irenaeus rosary makers.
- iv. It is suggested that we all invite others to volunteer; personal invitation is the best way. Carol can invite a friend, a retired police officer, and she herself is willing to volunteer to escort people in and out who request to use the bathrooms when the building is closed. It was suggested that we have two people, ideally a man and a woman, for this security task.
- v. Karen suggested that we contact other parishes. Mark will contact St. Irenaeus, and Karen will call a contact St. Andrew.
- vi. Jay suggested that we buy one of the moveable signs to advertise Nightfever at the booth at the fireworks. Jay will look into the cost.
- vii. Jay has started the booth reservation for the booth at the festival.
- viii. Deb and Beth will both mention the evening events to Mary Bomarito for her help with the church environment set-up. Beth will talk to an Awaken representative to borrow their equipment again.
- ix. The next Awaken event is June 15; Beth suggested that we have Nightfever flyers available to hand out then. Mark will take that on.
- x. Deb is working on food - she will do the shopping, and Arnie will do the cooking. The volunteer dinner is joint with the Nightfever volunteers and the SMYG group.
- xi. Susie will talk to Arnie about using the orange cones on the cross-hatched area, and CC to Chris K to tell SMYG students not to park cars there.

- xii. We discussed luminaries for the sidewalk. We have bags and candles. We need to get some sand or soil to fill the bags.

c. Budget Usage (Susie and All)

i. Now through June 30:

1. Complete the Following Christ program
2. Nightfever/ SPSE booth expenses
3. On-going support for SPSE
4. Book give-away to Graduates
5. Summer “Take your faith with you” book giveaway
6. Library Purchases
7. Remainder for special purpose: Support the electronic sign, Give to Knights of Columbus as stipend for 4th degree uniforms, or Purchase of Evangelization tent

d. Name-tag Sunday (Beth)

- i. Feedback is “went great.”
- ii. There were several lessons learned for next time:
 1. We need to have nametags with borders to make easier to see and peel from backing.
 2. Use “Sharpies” to get crisp letters.
 3. It was helpful to have people outside explaining what was happening into the lobby, so people just came in, gave their name, and got their nametag.
 4. We need to make it clear to the 5:00 attendees that there were hors d’oeuvres in the gym, so they don’t just leave after mass.

There was a nice “buzz” of energy. People seemed enthusiastic about getting the nametags. There was some discussion with new people. It was well-received. It was well received, and people seemed to enjoy it. It should be held periodically; perhaps twice per year.

3. Project Updates:

| Number | Title | Leaders | Status |
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| 1 | Following Christ | Clem | Clem handed out the Following Christ schedule. This week is session 5. Retreat is moved to May 19 due to schedule conflicts. The revised schedule will still finish before Memorial Day. |
| 2 | Library | Karen/ Louise/ Susie | Will purchase new books before June 30 |
| 3 | St. Paul Street Evangelization | Mark / Denise | They are in the third week of weekly outreach, with some returning members and some new members. The new members are to be congratulated for learning to step outside of their comfort zone. |

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| 4 | Contacting New Parishioners | Beth & All | Beth has the list of new members from Lisa. There are 29 names of new parishioners. Beth will divide up the names, and Mark, Karen, and Deb will also help with calls. |
| 5 | Yard Signs | Karen, Jay | Slogans and cost are still TBD. Jay showed a 24 by 18 inch sign of the polybag-on-wire-holder design, and has one quote. He will call for other quotes. This project will continue under development. The committee is asked to think about the slogans, and discuss in June and next fall. Perhaps a timeline would be to have signs available by Easter next year for parishioners to place in their yards. |
| 6 | EvC representatives to the Commissions: Next year | Goal is 2 persons per commission (Thanks to Deb for joining the Education Commission.) | PC Officers –,Jay (VP) Christian Service – Karen Education - Deb 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. This is under development because there are multiple facets to be planned: Training for prayer teams, location, advertising, staffing , scheduling. |
| 8 | Nametag Sunday | Beth and Worship Commission | See discussion under “New Business.” The consensus was that this went well and should be held periodically. |
| 9 | Bulletin Column | Theresa, Jim | Ongoing. Jim is writing weekly articles. Jim is okay with handling weekly content, and welcomes articles from others as well. Karen and Denise have recently submitted articles – thank you! |
| 10 | Electronic Sign | George | Still planned when funding is complete. |
| 11 | Nightfever/Festival of the Hills SPSE booth | Jay, Mark, and All | See “New Business” above. |

4. Roundtable

- a. Susie will send the DVD list to Deb for replacement after water damage in office.
- b. Carol is back from the Holy Land and brought blessed candles for everyone. They are blessed from the Holy Fire in the tomb of Jesus. Carol also reported on the “Miracle Hunter,” and St. Therese of Lisieux’s Evangelization Committee (Shelby Township) is

organizing a pilgrimage to Green Bay to the site of the only approved Marian apparition in the U. S.

- c. Karen talked about the “New Leaven” conference at SHMS this Saturday. The format is similar to Alpha or ChristLife – modules over the course of several weeks. (According to the conference advertising, this is designed to come after Alpha, ChristLife, and other means of personal encounters with Jesus.)

5. Closing Prayer (Mark)

Remaining meetings:

| SMOTH Evangelization Committee (2nd Wednesdays) | SMOTH Parish Council | Prayer Leader for the Parish Council Meeting |
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| | May. 19 | Youth |
| Jun. 13, EOF (Pot-luck party) | Jun. 16 | Staff |