

Saint John the Baptist – Stewardship & Evangelization Commission

January 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Date:	January 20, 2016	Time:	6:30 pm (Mass at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00)
Chair/ Vice Chair	Larry V. Linda H.	Location:	St John's
Recorder:	Marie C.	PLC Rep:	Gloria B.

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Brandon D.	X	Dan K.	X	Deacon Gary	X		
Engracia H.		Neil S.	X	Linda H.	X		
Marie C.	X	Gloria B.	X	Larry V.	X		
Staff Representative:	Deacon Gary Schneider						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	Mark Dittman – to promote the Stewardship Coffee hosted by the Archdiocese 1/23.						

Opening Prayer and Introductions

Administrative Activities

Reviewed & Approved Minutes of December 9, 2015 - Amendments were made.
 PLC Report (Gloria) – reviewed briefly and previously circulated to all by email.
 Back-up Recorder - Brandon will consider this. Back-up PLC Rep – Engracia will be asked to consider this.
ACTION: Gloria B will ask Engracia to be the back up.

Commission Goals 2015/2016 –

We reported and discussed progress in this area, in particular all discussed, “How to Encourage Prayer.” Neil S. reported that Alpha as part of increasing prayer for evangelizers and those to be evangelized, distributed printed prayers in the pews the weekend of Jan 3rd. All at Mass were encouraged to take copies of prayers, pray daily for those for whom they wish to evangelize and add names of loved ones away from faith to the Evangelizing Prayer List. 816 printed prayers were taken from the pews and 183 names were added to the Evangelizing Prayer Lists. Linda H. encouraged that an update on this be given as a Mass announcement to emphasize the power of prayer. Alpha also submits weekly a prayer for those on the evangelizing prayer list to be included at Mass in the Prayers of the Faithful. ***ACTION: NEIL S. TO SUBMIT A MASS ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT ALPHA AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ALL ARE PRAYING.*** Linda H. shared examples of prayer with confirmation candidates (think of an intention as a prayer) and in the workplace (offer prayer to/for a person, “Would you like me to pray with you?”) and they can accept or reject or not but at least a prayer was offered). Brandon D. mentioned his experiences with fasting as a form of prayer to keep you really focused on Christ. Dan K. likes “Prayer A Day” types of handouts that contain a whole month of prayer. Gloria B. mentioned praying before she eats out in public and how now people they are with also pray with them and it is contagious. So be open with prayer. This helps children see adults comfortable with their prayer life (a good example). Larry V. likes to receive prayer intentions from Apostleship of Prayer and likes daily prayer as in the Magnificat and the morning offering, and powerful prayers like the St. Theresa prayer, rosary, etc. and spending significant time in prayer is always rewarded. Deacon Gary encouraged a culture of prayer and healing prayer – praying right there and right now. DivineOffice.org and other apps are good for those with long driving times – prayer apps are readily available and easily accessible. Pray first thing every day. Marie C. mentioned simple prayers such as, “Come Lord Jesus” and “Jesus, I trust in you.” How can these great ideas be promoted to the entire parish? Some at Alpha have mentioned forming a prayer group, how can that be done? Encourage all meetings/gatherings/activities at church to start and end in prayer, do things with God and asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten the group. Prayer also promotes connectedness. ***ACTION- MARIE C. WILL CREATE A LIST OF IDEAS WE CAME UP WITH SO WE CAN DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPLEMENT AND INCORPORATE THEM INTO THE PARISH.***

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Stewardship Activities: Prayer, Service, Annual/Capital Giving, Legacy

Reviewed the Business Administrator's Report. Only comment was to get this report earlier than afternoon of the meeting. Some discussion ensued on the financial status update not having enough detail and not giving commissions ways to have us Increase Stewardship. ***ACTION: GLORIA B. WILL BRING UP TIMELINESS AND CONTENT OF THE REPORT TO PLC.***

One Spirit Many Gifts 2012 vs. 2015 update – tabled to Feb. 2016

The archdiocese is putting on a Stewardship Coffee on 1/23/16 and Mark Dittman will speak for 10-15 min on the S&E activities at St. John's, i.e. using "Leading Intentional Disciples" as somewhat a guide for the things we do as St. John's, how hospitality is working, Alpha, etc., things that Larry V. and Linda H. have discussed with him

Evangelization Activities

Alpha update – Neil S was encouraged to use PLC's "DRAFT" Ministry/Committee/Activity Evaluation form to test it out eventually for a new Ministry/Committee. ***ACTION: LINDA H. WILL ASK PLC TO SEE HOW THE FORM IS WORKING OUT FOR OTHERS AND SEE WHAT VALUE HAS COME OUT OF IT.*** The current form is lengthy and complicated.

Hospitality and Greeting (Welcoming) Report (Deacon Gary, Linda, Brandon) - this seems to be going well as was seen at the Christmas masses greetings. The details and ways on increasing greeting "strength" will go back over to Jay H. on Worship Commission and Corey E. with Ushers/Greeters.

Recruiting - still actively looking for additional members. ***ACTION: ALL SEEK OUT NEW MEMBERS.***

New Business - Larry V. will send out the USCCB 2016 goals to see how we can incorporate these things. ***ACTION: LARRY V. WILL SEND OUT THOSE GOALS VIA EMAIL OR AT NEXT MEETING.***

Closing Prayer – Deacon G closed the meeting with prayer.

Ministries: Welcome, Legacy, ALPHA. Shepherd's Little Flocks

Committees: Nominating, By-Laws, Parish Mission, Hospitality after Mass, Ministry Fair

Future Meeting Dates: Meetings: 2/17, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, and 6/8