

Saint John the Baptist – Evangelization & Stewardship Commission

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Date:	April 17, 2018	Time:	5:30pm Dinner; 6:05pm Prayer; 6:35pm Commission Meetings, 7:45pm PLC Meeting
Chair/ Vice Chair	Linda Harmon Charlie Nickoloff	Location:	St. John's
Recorder:	Brandon Delbow	PLC Rep:	Neil Steffl

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Brandon D.	X	Linda H.	X	Jim S.	X		
Kathryn H.	X	Charlie N.	X	Neil S.	X		
Mark H.	X	Kate A.	X	Naomi H.	X		
Staff Representative:	Deacon Gary S.						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	Bret Sutton, Director of Development & Stewardship; Steve Blum, PLC at large						

Parish Mission: GO. MAKE. TEACH.

Opening Prayer

- 1) Deacon Gary opened the meeting in prayer.
- 2) A round of introductions took place for the benefit of guests attending meeting.

Administrative Activities

- 1) Time was allotted to review the March meeting minutes.
 - a. Neil S. motioned to approve the minutes; Naomi H. seconded. There was a brief discussion about the implementation of action items from last month's meeting, and members were encouraged to make note of these items again for more immediate action. Minutes were then approved unanimously.
- 2) PLC Minutes from last month were reviewed with mention that Neil S. discusses at PLC meetings precisely what is prepared at E&S meetings.
- 3) On reviewing the PBA report, members encouraged leadership to gather figures about the current status of the census, namely how many forms have been distributed and collected thus far. All members were encouraged to attend the upcoming Spring Formation Day, and the African American Parishioners group was cited as a great example of how SJB is growing and leading in the way of diversity. Lastly, E&S celebrated the hiring of Bret Sutton to fill the Director of Development & Stewardship position.
- 4) Calendar dates and a proposed roster for the 2018-2019 commission year were reviewed. Brandon D. announced the end of his term, intentions to not return, and plans to help recruit. It was also noted that Neil S. and Mark H. are finishing their terms and are discerning membership for next year.
 - a. Linda H. asked Father Skluzacek to help in recruiting for the vice-chair position.

Committee Reports

- 1) Planning updates for the OSMG renewal were provided, and notes from a recent meeting between Mark Dittman, Mark H., Kathryn H., and Neil S. were recapped.
 - a. OSMG pledge forms from last year's renewal were distributed.
 - b. It was announced that Mark D. is looking for recommendations for E&S about edits and additions to the pledge form.
 - i. Mark H. reported that the focus of the meeting was discerning areas for intentional change in the areas of Prayer and Service, and the value of involving parishioners in more than just checking a box promotes perseverance in these pledges.

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- ii. Neil S. added that involvement in ministry enriches faith and proposed that specific opportunities for service ought to be listed on the form.
 - iii. Kathryn H. reminded members that OSMG remains the vehicle for discerning financial involvement but that perhaps the pledge form could be reworked to place emphasis on all types of giving.
 - c. There was a discussion about immediate ideas for change, including removing “New or Revised Pledges Only” statements, perhaps placing all financial giving pledges on one side of the form, and including specific volunteer opportunities for parishioners to consider.
 - i. **ACTION: E&S members will send general thoughts, suggestion for prayer pledging, and possible categories for service to the commission group email so that recommendations can be made next month.**
 - ii. Questions were raised about past OSMG pledge forms, the archive or permanent file in general, as well as a “Stewardship Library.”
- 2) Amendments to the E&S Mission Statement were proposed. They included balancing text pertaining to stewardship with themes of evangelization and incorporating the parish mission of “Go. Make. Teach.”
- 3) Many E&S members have reached out to Steve F. about Hospitality and introduced themselves. Now that the kitchen position is filled, questions about conducting weekend hospitality were raised. Members will continue reaching out to Steve F. and Rita A. to speak to this.

Ministry Reports

- 1) Deacon Gary shared that the recent Charismata event was cancelled due to inclement weather.
- 2) On Weekly Prayer, Kate A. announced goals to add writers to this ministry. Members will stew on possible structures for this, but resolved that it should be more than one person.
- 3) Neil S. reported that the latest round of ALPHA has concluded and that a new one will start up in the fall. One anecdote was shared as a great success of this ministry, but rounding attendees into “the next thing” after ALPHA was identified as an area yet to master. Members will stew on possible things to implement during or after the next round of ALPHA.
- 4) New Parishioner: brief comments were offered by Steve Blum who assists with new parishioner.

Stewardship Activities

- 1) The commission discussed obtaining parish copies of the bishop’s document, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response.” Questions were raised about how many copies to purchase, about who would receive one, and about how the document is to be used.
 - a. It was noted that this document used to be circulated and that the OSMG campaign was based on this.
 - b. E&S motioned to at least request getting the document into the hands of its members and approved unanimously. Deacon Gary will take the request to leadership.

New Business

- 1) Members were invited to a Called & Gifted workshop taking place May 28th.
- 2) Details about an October Amazing Parish conference in Milwaukee were shared. It was announced that Father Skluzacek plans to send members of his leadership team.
- 3) An update from the 50th Anniversary steering committee was provided.
- 4) A visitor envelope from Immaculate Conception Church with a QR code was circulated and shared as a neat Stewardship idea.
- 5) Jim S. shared reactions to an Adult and Family Formation talk he attended, provoking thought about “what to do about millennials.”

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6) E&S celebrated the release of the highly anticipated parish pictorial directories.

Evangelization Activities

- 1) Updates about the Reaching SJB Inactive initiative were tabled until the next meeting.
- 2) Details about the Formation Day event were shared already. See **Administrative Activities**.

Staff Report

- 1) No update.

Closing Prayer

- 1) Deacon Gary closed the meeting in a word of prayer.

Ministries: New Parishioner Welcome, Legacy, ALPHA, Prayer Section in Father Skluzacek's weekly e-mail

Committees: Nominating, By-Laws, Hospitality after Mass

Future Meeting Dates: 5/15; 6/5