

Stewardship & Evangelization Commission Meeting

Minutes of December 17, 2014

Members Present: Marie C., Linda H., Dan K., Sandy S., and Larry V.

Members Absent: Jessica H.

Staff Representative: Fr. Jaspers

Recorder: Kathleen F.

Guests & Purpose: Gloria B. – potential member - observing

TOPIC: Review of November Minutes

ACTIONS: Minutes of the November meeting were approved with one change specifying the timing of Father Skluzacek's 2015 sabbatical as mid-July through mid-December.

TOPIC: Report from PLC

DISCUSSION: Larry noted that last month's PLC meeting included the chairs from each of the commissions and direction was provided regarding recruitment and discernment of new members. Given the current membership of the commission, three new members are needed immediately. At the end of the fiscal year, up to three other members may roll off. The terms list needs to be reviewed to determine who those members would be.

Dan noted that the PLC will coordinate the recruitment/discernment weekend that will include bulletin announcements. Additionally, Dan noted that Sunday giving is flat and less people are giving. The school budget was reviewed and it was noted that enrollment is down. The Admin Services Commission mentioned the church windows in need of repair and maintenance items moving forward like carpeting in St. Joseph's Hall. The Worship Commission suggested music printed in mass leaflets for a year before new hymnals are purchased.

The first Sunday Hospitality will be hosted by the PLC.

ACTIONS: Kathleen will send the terms list (as drafted in late 2013 but was never officially approved or distributed) to Larry.

TOPIC: Nominations for additional SEC members

ACTION: Gloria Brandl was in attendance to see if this Commission is a fit for her. Members were encouraged to continue inviting others as several members are still needed. Additionally, with Kathleen being hired to St. John's staff, she will attend meetings as the Recorder only.

TOPIC: Bylaws & Constitution

DISCUSSION: All suggestions and edits up to this point were reviewed by Larry, Linda and Kathleen and implemented as appropriate. Members were provided with a document indicating the original wording and the new revised version of each section with changes.

ACTION: Members will review the document of revisions (and preferably, the document as a whole) one more time and it will be brought to the January meeting for a vote to forward to Alan and the PLC At-Large members for final review and then sent to Father Skluzacek for final review and approval.

TOPIC: Business Administrator's Report

DISCUSSION: Members reviewed the business administrator's report.

TOPIC: One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Campaign Renewal

DISCUSSION: Kathleen has joined the staff at St. John's as the Campaign Renewal Coordinator. She noted that the leadership for Lead/Major Gifts is in place and meetings will begin within the week. Overall co-chairs are still being invited. Members asked for clarification on the "bridge plan" between April 1 and December 31, 2015, if the pledges do not kick in until January 1, 2016.

Kathleen also noted that reviving the Legacy Society is part of the OSMG Renewal. Ed Robinson will certainly be asked to be part of that leadership, as well as others who have expressed a passion for planned giving.

ACTION: Kathleen will request this information from Alan.

TOPIC: Parish Mission

ACTIONS: A report will be provided at the January meeting.

TOPIC: Sunday Hospitality

DISCUSSION: Expectations around Sunday Hospitality were discussed at length. Kathleen had met with Alan regarding the overall vision and details necessary for planning by each group. Patty A. was invited to the commission meeting but could not attend due to schedule conflicts.

ACTION: Kathleen will connect with Patty regarding a 2015 calendar of weekends available for Sunday Hospitality focus on ministry or commission. Commission members are expected to contact the leaders of the various 'umbrella' ministries to determine who would want to volunteer.

TOPIC: W.I.N.E. = Women In the New Evangelization

DISCUSSION: Linda provided highlights of this effort's purpose of equipping women with the tools necessary to become evangelizers and assist in the healing of the Church. A kick-off event was held in early December to recruit parish Enthusiasts for promotion. A gathering of those Enthusiasts will be held at St. John's on Thursday, January 8, 2015, from 7 to 9 pm.

The first archdiocesan event will be held at Epiphany on Saturday, February 14 from 7am to 2pm.

TOPIC: Ministry Highlights

DISCUSSION: Fr. Jaspers provided follow up on several spiritual growth opportunities:

- The adult catechesis between the Sunday morning masses will continue into January with a new theme. Naomi Hard has volunteered to provide kids/youth instruction at the same time, since child care is for the younger/toddler set.
 - A men's retreat on the spiritual exercises was very successful.
 - A women's retreat on the spiritual exercises may be scheduled for Lent 2015.
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TOPIC: New Business

ACTION: Larry requested that Dan provide a report from the PLC via email following the meeting, rather than waiting until the following month to report. Dan agreed to do so.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting (January 21, 2015):

- Bylaws Recommendation for Approval
- Parish Mission Report
- Sunday Hospitality
- New Commission Nominees

Standing Agenda Items:

- » Pray for our "Umbrella" Groups
- » Business Administrator's Report
- » PLC member update
- » New Business

Future Meeting Dates:

February 25, 2015	April 15, 2015	June 10, 2015
March 25, 2015	May 20, 2015	No July Meeting