

## **Stewardship & Evangelization Commission Meeting**

Minutes of February 25, 2015

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

Members Absent: Ed R.

Staff Representative: Fr. Jaspers

Recorder: Kathleen F.

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TOPIC: Guest – Neil Steffl with ALPHA

DISCUSSION: Neil provided members with a list of names – people for whom many are praying to return to the Church or come to the Faith. One way this might happen is through ALPHA. Evangelization is important for each one of us – we need to share the Good News! Neil was seeking ideas for sharing the list of names and requesting prayer. Several ideas surfaced:

- Use the fishbowl concept like RCIA – make strips of paper with names & ask parishioners to take a name and pray for that person
- Share the list of names and prayer needs to groups like Circle of Women, Men’s Fellowship, Confirmation small groups, etc.
- Create a visual display (like the Veterans/those Serving) board near St. Joe’s Hall. Print or write the names into the ALPHA logo and ask that parishioners remember them in prayer.
- Father Jaspers suggested that those who are adding these names to the list could come to the Intercessory Prayer Teams when they are available after one of the masses on the second Sunday of the month. This would help connect the person with their family member or friend praying for them.

Neil emphasized that his mission is to get people who are outside the church doors to come inside the doors, whether they come to ALPHA or not. ALPHA is simply his ministry focus.

ACTIONS: Pray for the ALPHA evangelization effort and for those whose names are on the list. Brainstorm ideas that would help promote praying for those who need to return to the faith.

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TOPIC: Review of January Minutes

ACTIONS: Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

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TOPIC: Report from PLC

DISCUSSION: Dan sent a summary of PLC items via email.

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TOPIC: Bylaws & Constitution

DISCUSSION: Larry indicated that Article IX will be revised to indicate “committees” rather than “Subcommittees.”

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TOPIC: Business Administrator’s Report

DISCUSSION: Larry asked for additional information regarding school enrollment and possible reasons for decline. Members indicated tuition costs, demographics, and very competitive public school system in the district. Linda mentioned preliminary results from Wines to Wishes and that a significant gift will be made to the Tuition Endowment.

Members reviewed the rest of the report. Another mention was made regarding the successful push for Medtronic gifts.

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TOPIC: One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Campaign Renewal

DISCUSSION: The update on OSMG was included in the Business Administrator’s Report. Progress with the lead gifts meetings is ramping up quickly. Overall co-chairs meet weekly and are revising the Case Statement Document. Kick-off weekend is scheduled for April 11/12 and Commitment weekend is May 9/10.

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TOPIC: Upcoming Event Opportunity

DISCUSSION: Linda provided an informational piece about the upcoming Relevant Radio “Christ Brings Hope” event on April 23 honoring Jeff Cavins. She described the potential for matching gift challenges for area schools – this includes St. John the Baptist. Currently, two tables are being sponsored by SJB parishioners.

ACTIONS: If someone cannot attend, they can call in to Relevant Radio (when indicated) to donate to relevant radio and have St. John’s designated as the matching school. For more information about the event, please contact Linda.

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TOPIC: Parish Mission

DISCUSSION: Linda provided a detailed report of the post-mission survey results. The speaker was very well received, the welcoming efforts were rated highly, and the music received mixed reviews.

ACTION: Kathleen will provide a copy of the report to a member of the Worship Commission.

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

DISCUSSION: Phenomenal event attended by 1000 women; 36 from St. John’s. Future annual Women’s Conference will be the Saturday prior to Ash Wednesday. Ongoing focus will be strong women’s groups at parishes. More information to come about making this happen.

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TOPIC: Alan Ames coming to St. John's – March 9

DISCUSSION: This event is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

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TOPIC: Sunday Hospitality

DISCUSSION: This commission will sponsor/host March 22 and the main focus will be recruiting new members for the Commission.

ACTION: Sandy will meet with Patty to discuss details and circle back with Commission members regarding what will be needed that weekend.

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TOPIC: One-Page Commission Summary

DISCUSSION: Linda updated the Commission description and will forward it to the PLC as finished. This piece will also be used for recruiting.

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TOPIC: New Business

ACTION: Tom Steinke from the Welcoming Committee will join us at the April meeting.

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

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Next Meeting (March 25, 2015):

- » New Commission Members/Nominees
- » Parish Mission – Form a group to choose speaker?
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Standing Agenda Items:

- » Pray for our “umbrella” ministries
- » Business Administrator’s Report
- » New Business
- » PLC member update (via email)

Future Meeting Dates:

April 15, 2015

June 10, 2015

May 20, 2015

No July Meeting