

Stewardship & Evangelization Commission Meeting

Minutes of June 10, 2015

Members Present: Gloria B., Engracia H., Dan K., Ed R., Sandy S., Brandon D. Neil S. and Larry V. Members Absent: Linda H., Marie C.

Staff Representative: Fr. Jaspers

Recorder: Neil Steffl, in place of Kathleen F. absent

Administrative Activities

TOPIC: Review of May 20, 2015, Minutes DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to approve by Ed and Dan, Minutes of the May 20 meeting were approved.

TOPIC: PLC Report Dan Kelly reported the allocation of debt was properly allocated proportionally for the school. ACTION: Continue to monitor debt and contribution allocations.

TOPIC: Constitution & By-Law changes Larry had previously sent to all S & E Commission members, the Constitution & By-Laws with the minor changes recommended by the At-Large members of the PLC, already made for review. Neil Steffl proposed additional amendments to the Stewardship & Evangelization Constitution and By-Laws to:

- bring paragraph 2 of article II covering evangelization more inline with Article I
- add an additional member responsibility for evangelization to the end of article II
- expand the third Duty of Membership in Article VI to include purpose and mission.

DISCUSSION: Larry proposed an alternate amendment for article II, paragraph 2 and secondly brought up for discussion the section of Article XI covering the requirement for a three-week written notice of a proposed amendment and the option for the Commission to waive the three week requirement. All of the members present and Linda H. agreed that the revisions were minor and a definite improvement, therefore the three-week wait should be waived.

ACTION: After review of the proposed amendments it was unanimously agreed to amend the SEC Constitution and By-Laws using Larry's proposed amendment for Article II, paragraph 2 and Neil's proposed amendments for the additional responsibility in Article II and the expanded Article VI, third Duty of Membership. See the attached Proposed Amendments and Adopted Amendments.

TOPIC: Larry presented a List of Potential Activities for FY 2015-16 (attached).

DISCUSSION: It was noted that Patrick Madrid has not responded to SJB's invitation to be a Speaker. At this point an alternative to Patrick Madrid has not been identified. ACTION: Continue to monitor and support this event. The speaker's topic should mesh with the parish goals and themes.

TOPIC: Larry presented the SEC Expectations 2015 (attached).

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about adopting a strategy for evangelization at SJB more in keeping with Stewardship. For example, if Stewardship has a goal of a 5% increase in donations to SJB. Should there be a similar target for evangelization? For example, increase membership 5%. Are we thinking of how to evangelize the 20-30 years old? Neil S. mentioned that members of the 20's generation have problems with the established, formal Church. Street evangelization – plan on having it here at SJB. Fr. Jaspers mentioned a goal related to a deepening of the faith. He also mentioned that there is a large resource of people retiring that would be available for volunteer projects. Sandy S. talked about how to win a Catholic.

ACTION: The opportunities and a strategy for evangelization at SJB will be further discussed and reviewed during 2015. Members should exchange thoughts during the summer.

Stewardship Activities

TOPIC/ACTION: Fr. Jaspers recognized Ed's 20 plus years of service to Stewardship. Although Ed is going off the S&E Commission he will continue his work for SJB parishioners to Leave a Legacy.

TOPIC: Ed R. recapped the Estate Planning/Funeral Planning/Legacy sessions held on June 2, last week. There were two sessions with a combined attendance of 50. Jay H covered music, Mark Dittman the cemetery and business matters, Marty Shutz for legal issues and Travis Amiot, a financial planner for related issues. There were three funeral homes and one foundation presenting or displaying materials.

DISCUSSION: Ed suggested future sessions be promoted earlier to increase attendance. He would like to see the sessions be done bi-annually and done in the winter. It was suggested that Mark Dittman be contacted to keep the resources for future meeting. ACTION: Fr. Jaspers will contact Mark.

TOPIC: Fr. Jaspers announced that he would be the parish parochial vicar during Fr. Skluzacek's sabbatical. Brandon D. will be the staff liaison for the SEC.

TOPIC: Business Administrator's Report DISCUSSION: The report was discussed and alternative approaches to the mass implementation of LED lighting for the church. ACTION: Continue to monitor.

Evangelization Activities

TOPIC: Amazing Parish DISCUSSION: Fr. Jaspers was asked about non-staff goals that would come out of the Amazing Parish Conference. He mentioned that we should think about who our evangelization targets should be and look at the wisdom of new approaches.

Future Meeting Dates: No July Meeting, August 19 Picnic (look for more information in July) **Please mark these dates in your calendar**

Meetings: 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/9, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, and 6/8