

# Saint John the Baptist – Evangelization & Stewardship Commission

## Meeting Agenda/Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	June 6, 2017	<b>Time:</b>	6:30 pm (Dinner 5:30; Prayer 6:00)
<b>Chair/ Vice Chair</b>	Linda Harmon Neil S.	<b>Location:</b>	St. John's
<b>Recorder:</b>	Brandon D.	<b>PLC Rep:</b>	Linda H. (back-up Neil S.)

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Brandon D.	X	Jane H.	A	Mark H.	X	Deacon Gary	A
Neil S.	X	Linda Harmon	X	Charlie N.	X		
Kathryn H.	X	Jim S.	X	Tamara N.	X		
<b>Staff Representative:</b>	Deacon Gary						
<b>Guest(s) &amp; Purpose:</b>	Sue Reinart, PLC						

**VISION:** Deepen and strengthen the faith of parishioners while maintaining an adequate worship space, offering opportunities for faith formation, providing a just wage for staff, with a balanced parish budget.

### Opening Prayer and Introductions

- 1) The commission welcomed new member Kathryn Haidet.
- 2) Linda H. called meeting to order and opened with prayer.

### Administrative Activities

- 1) E&S Minutes from May 22 were reviewed prior to tonight's meeting. There was a brief discussion about whether to include the new prayer section "ministry" in the minutes going forward.
  - a. Neil S. motioned to approve the minutes, Charlie N. seconded the motion, and the May 2017 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2) PLC Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. There were some inquiries about what is causing the apparent increase in Sunday giving.
- 3) A slate of officers for 2017-2018 was proposed, with Linda H. as Chair. Charlie N. volunteered for the position of Vice Chair, Brandon D. volunteered for Recorder.
  - a. Linda H. provided a brief role description of the PLC Representative position and called for volunteers. Neil S. volunteered for the PLC Rep position.
  - b. Neil S. motioned to approve the proposed Officer Slate, Charlie N. seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
- 4) Linda H. circulated a current member listing to verify contact information.

### Evangelization- Reconnecting: "reaching out to those absent" initiative

- 1) Neil S. provided a quick update.
  - a. Comments from last month's meeting have been turned into a potential script for calls to those absent.
  - b. Neil met with Jessica Balzarini and determined that callers should remain crisp, short, aware of possible discussion avenues, and cognizant of potentially sensitive inquiries.
- 2) A detailed discussion determined that it ought not be revealed to "absent" that they have been identified as absent and that it would be ideal to eventually reach out to all parishioners. Members raised caution in scheduling follow-up, noting that priests, deacons, and other staff might not be readily available.
- 3) Resolutions:
  - a. When calling those absent, always find something to pray for, have them describe their latest experience at St. John's, and invite them to engage, perhaps in bible study groups or ALPHA.
  - b. Kathryn H. was called to think about developing a "one stop" on the parish website to which callers could direct those absent.

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- c. It was encouraged that E&S work out steps for various scenarios and learn about call recipient before reaching out.

### Stewardship Committee

- 1) In Deacon Schneider's absence, Linda H. updated members on Mark Dittman's request for assistance with planning the One Spirit Many Gifts (OSMG) renewal. Duties were briefly outlined.

**ACTION:** *E&S Members will let Linda know ASAP if interested.*

- a. There was a quick discussion about items to possibly share with Mark D., including insights from "Divine Renovation" and other creative phrasing of "the call to give."
- 2) Linda H. shared a short story and encouraged members to continue reading meeting minutes from other commissions, remain accountable, and stay aware of how things get disseminated within various groups. As reasoning, recent insights from Tom S. were cited, whereby data from New Parishioner Welcome potentially sheds light on the recent increases in Sunday giving.

### Ministry Reports

- 1) Mark H. reported that a Legacy Committee has been formed, program development is underway, and recommendations for new endowment funds have been approved. Sue R. announced she would be willing to share a recently used survey.
- 2) Neil S. reported that ALPHA ran two sessions with 64 total attendees, and he described ideas for empowering past attendees.

### Committee Reports

- 1) Linda H. led a discussion about E&S Commission bylaws up for review and approval over the summer, especially in light of the recent name change.

**ACTION:** *Members are called to look at bylaws, consider the vision for E&S Commission, let ideas "bubble up" over the summer, and continue recruiting people with specific passions and/or charisms.*

- 2) It was noted that Deacon S. asked for clarification in purpose of E&S being the guiding commission for Hospitality. Questions about ways in which we can encourage and enhance this function were posed for future consideration.

### New Business

- 1) Linda H. walked members through the Year-end report to PLC, highlighting the importance of a "higher billing" of church accomplishments, and asking for changes or additions.
  - a. Recommendations for addition to the report as areas for improvement included communicating to the broader parish of happenings (perhaps in the form of a "Good News Box") and including/recruiting a school parent for the commission.

**ACTION:** *Members will take two Miraculous Medals and come back to the August Picnic with stories about to whom/why/where/how they were given.*

- 2) "Divine Renovations," "The Benedict Option," and Pope Francis' encyclicals were identified as good summer reads.
- 3) Members were reminded of the upcoming Regional Stewardship Conference opportunity, taking place in August. A flyer was attached to a recent email.

### Closing 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:** 8/29 (picnic); 9/19 (orientation);  
10/17; 11/21; 12/12; 1/23; 2/20; 3/20; 4/17; 5/15; 6/5