

Stewardship & Evangelization Commission Meeting

Minutes of March 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.

TOPIC: Review of February Minutes

ACTIONS: Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

TOPIC: Report from PLC

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

TOPIC: Bylaws & Constitution

DISCUSSION: Larry indicated that the final revision of the Bylaws and Constitution had been approved.

TOPIC: Relevant Radio Fundraising/School Match Update

DISCUSSION: Linda provided an update on the Relevant Radio event coming up in April. St. John's parishioners have three tables at the event and St. John's School is one of 32 schools eligible for matching grants. If anyone cannot attend the event, there will be an opportunity to give and have your gift be matched. Information regarding how to give and have the gift be matched and sent to your school of choice is still being finalized.

ACTIONS: Linda will ensure all communications are made available at St. John's for promotion.

TOPIC: Business Administrator's Report

DISCUSSION: A report from the new Business Administrator was not available.

TOPIC: One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Campaign Renewal

DISCUSSION: Kathleen provided the following updates regarding the status of current campaign efforts as well as the timing of the parish-wide roll out:

Major Gifts Team

- a. Donor meetings continue at the rate of 2 to 4 per week. Current total pledged: \$615K.
- b. There will be two small gatherings at the Rectory (Saturday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.) for the major donors who are not met with individually.

Case Statement Document

- a. RJM Printing has all components and will be providing proofs for approval.
- b. All packets (cover letter, case statement document with video included) will be mailed first class to arrive in homes April 9/10.

Parish Roll-Out

- a. Sunday, April 12 Kick-Off Weekend with Highlights on Prayer
- b. Sunday, April 19 Personal Service and Sunday Giving
- c. Sunday, April 26 Capital Giving and Planned Giving
- d. Tuesday, May 5 Town Hall Meeting, 7pm – Light Refreshments and Campaign Q & A
- e. Sunday, May 10 Commitment Weekend – Bring your completed Pledge Form to Mass

Legacy Society

- a. Kathleen has connected with Ed about a funeral planning/estate planning/planned giving event.
- b. It was suggested that the event be held in early fall to ensure sufficient planning time and avoid calendaring conflicts.

TOPIC: ALPHA Holy Spirit Retreat

DISCUSSION: Linda provided a brief description of the fruits of evangelization of ALPHA and the retreat, including returning ALPHA participants who brought a friend. Many had good experiences at the retreat.

TOPIC: Parish Mission

DISCUSSION: Prior to the summer recess for Commission meetings, this Commission needs to establish a core team to discuss potential dates and speakers for the next Parish Mission.

ACTION: This item will be added to the April meeting agenda.

TOPIC: Alan Ames event at St. John's

DISCUSSION: Many great testimonies and experiences at the event.

TOPIC: Sunday Hospitality

DISCUSSION: Good exposure and special thanks to Sandy for all of her hard work and commitment to the process. Several suggestions were made regarding the process: Recruit members from committees who report to this Commission for assistance at hospitality times and ensure there are 4 to 6 people to cover each hospitality time.

ACTION: Several potential candidates expressed interest. Father Jaspers will contact two of them and Kathleen will contact the third person. Sandy will forward her feedback to Patty.

TOPIC: New Business

DISCUSSION: Father Jaspers noted the new process of targeted pulpit announcements such as the invitation for those with questions about annulments or marriage validations. The next one will be welcoming non-member attendees, which will include a pew card indicating interest in joining or receiving more information about St. John's.

ACTION: This will be implemented for Palm Sunday, Easter, and Divine Mercy Sundays.

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

Next Meeting (April 15, 2015):

- » Tom Steinke from the Welcoming Committee
- » New Commission Members/Nominees
- » Parish Mission – Core Team re: date & speakers
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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:

May 20, 2015

June 10, 2015

No July Meeting