

TOPIC: Commission Planning

DISCUSSION: Linda noted that being more proactive in planning for the coming year would make the Commission more effective in their work. She mentioned several items, such as the timing and planning of next Parish Mission; knowing which decisions fall to the Commission and which are made by staff; knowing the vision, theme, and efforts toward stewardship and evangelization.

ACTION: Linda will follow up with an email regarding ideas for the next Parish Mission speaker and other items to be covered during the 2015-2016 year.

TOPIC: Relevant Radio Fundraising/School Match Update

DISCUSSION: Linda reported that more than \$8,000 was raised for St. John's school.

TOPIC: Business Administrator's Report

DISCUSSION: Copies of the Business Administrator's report were shared with Commission members. Kathleen provided up-to-date results of the One Spirit – Many Gifts pledge responses. The allocation of funds between the parish and school were discussed, especially regarding the roof repairs and that a portion of that debt incurred was allocated to the school. It is important to Commission members that we honor donor intent, offer transparency, and ensure any matching gifts would not be compromised.

Larry reviewed the remaining items on the report and noted the impact of summer construction on the streets surrounding St. John's.

ACTION: Kathleen will forward the question of capital funds and allocation of debt between the parish and school to the Business Administrator for clarification.

TOPIC: One Spirit ~ Many Gifts Campaign Renewal

DISCUSSION: In addition to the pledge totals update, Kathleen noted that Super-Festive Thank-You Hospitality is scheduled for all Masses on May 30 and 31. Members of this commission are invited to help host, serve, or clean up. The intent of this style of hospitality is to indicate to our parish community that OSMG is the primary source of funding for the parish and a large portion for the school. This is an opportunity for parish and school staff to say thank you. Members of this Commission are invited because OSMG falls under this Commission.

ACTION: If any members are interested in volunteering, please contact Kathleen.

TOPIC: Planning Ahead Seminar

DISCUSSION: Ed provided a brief history of the event when it was essentially a funeral planning seminar. Since we ask our parishioners to give of their time, talent, and treasure, then we as a parish need to give back to them. This seminar is one way of doing that: Providing relevant information about funeral planning as well as tying in information about estate planning, leaving a legacy, end-of-life concerns, etc.

- a. The seminar will be held on June 2 – two sessions: 9:30 am and 6:30 pm
- b. The main draw is the funeral planning
- c. Information on other areas will be provided as well
- d. Vendor booths will be available before and after the seminar

ACTION: Kathleen will ensure proper promotion and communication about the event to the parish. She will contact Marty Schutz (estate planning lawyer), Bill Marsella (Catholic Community Foundation) for planned giving options, and a local biographer, Christina Cavitt, to provide information for the event. Kathleen will coordinate refreshments for both sessions. Ed will confirm attendance of local funeral directors.

TOPIC: Parish Mission

DISCUSSION: Linda spoke with Father Skluzacek about his intentions for the next parish mission and potential speakers. We are considering the fall of 2016 as timing for the next mission. Members are asked to forward speaker suggestions and indicate their potential topic, purpose, theme, etc.

- Do we consider theme-synergy with the Year of Mercy?
- Consider potential initiatives by the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization?
- Form an input committee to gather ideas around speaker/topic?
- Pastor consider parish theme for the pastoral calendar year and speaker that supports the theme?

ACTION: Members are asked to consider these questions and bring feedback to the June meeting and/or email Linda.

TOPIC: Amazing Parish

DISCUSSION: During the dinner announcements, Father Skluzacek mentioned the five staff members who attended the Amazing Parish conference in Denver at the end of April (Father S., Father J., Adam Rooble, Naomi Hard, Ann Laird.) Father Jaspers reiterated the number one practice of prayer. He noted that parish and school staff will observe a day of prayer and fasting one day each month for the conversion of our parish.

Linda also mentioned the webinar of May 14 and that it is worth watching and considering.

ACTION: Linda will forward the link of the Amazing Parish webinar to Commission members.

TOPIC: Speaker

DISCUSSION: Larry noted that efforts are in progress to bring Patrick Madrid to St. John's. He is a well-known speaker and apologist. Tentative date is set for May 4, 2016.

TOPIC: New Business

DISCUSSION:

- Larry noted that he has been informed about some adjustments in wording for the Constitution and Bylaws. He will work with Linda and Marie on these changes.
- Larry noted that a revised Commission Member listing will be provided at the next meeting.
- Neil provided a new list of names from Alpha members of people needing prayer for a renewal of faith. The list indicates a first name, approximate age, and situation of the person so as to provide context for praying for them.
- Kathleen indicated that the June meeting will be her last meeting.

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

Next Meeting (June 10, 2015):

- » New Commission Members/Officers Approval
- » Parish Mission – Core Team re: date & speakers
- » Discuss 2015/2016 Commission Annual Work Plan

Standing Agenda Items:

- » Business Administrator’s Report
- » PLC member update (via email)
- » New Business