

Saint John the Baptist – Evangelization & Stewardship Commission

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Date:	May 15, 2018	Time:	5:30pm Dinner; 6:05pm Prayer; 6:35pm Commission Meetings, 7:45pm PLC Meeting
Chair/ Vice Chair	Linda Harmon Charlie Nickoloff	Location:	St. John's
Recorder:	Brandon Delbow	PLC Rep:	Neil Steffl

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Brandon D.	X	Linda H.	X	Jim S.	X		
Kathryn H.	X	Charlie N.	X	Neil S.	X		
Mark H.	X	Kate A.	X	Naomi H.	X		
Staff Representative:	Deacon Gary S.						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	N/A						

Parish Mission: GO. MAKE. TEACH.

Opening Prayer

- 1) Deacon Gary opened in prayer.

Administrative Activities

- 1) Linda H. provided an update of members rolling off the commission and those continuing. Everyone was encouraged to recruit and invite guests to a future meeting.
- 2) It was noted that FlockNotes would be rolling out at SJB soon. All members accessed it successfully.
- 3) Minutes from last month's meeting were accessed ahead of time via FlockNotes. Neil S. motioned to approve the minutes; Charlie N. seconded. No discussion. April 2018 E&S Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4) There was a short discussion about PLC Minutes from last month. Curiosity was expressed about school commission updates, and questions were raised about an apparent disconnect between figures published in the bulletin compared to those visible in the PLC report.
 - a. E&S also noted that Neil S. had met with Rita A. to develop structure around greeting and welcoming, and they will continue to do so.
- 5) PBA report: Linda H. stated that she will attend the upcoming Spring Formation Day, and Neil S. expressed intent to attend.

Stewardship

- 1) Copies of "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response" were distributed to E&S Members.
 - a. There was a discussion about next steps with the documents. It was concluded that, in order to draw out guiding principals, every member should plan to read over the summer and anticipate a handful of gatherings to discuss. Further steps and possible recommendations for PLC at-large will be discussed at the September meeting.
- 2) One Spirit Many Gifts: Kathryn H. and Mark H. reported an update.
 - a. An original pledge form was circulated for review, and members made note of examples of ways to give and the order in which pledges were listed.
 - b. Members voiced possible recommendations for changes, including: reordering the pledges with service and prayer first, communicating overall results of pledges made versus fulfilled, and running the renewal in the spring to align with the budget year and budgeting process.
 - i. FlockNotes was cited as a way to further engage parishioners in the pledge process.

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- 3) Annual reports from Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin/St. Mary School (New Richmond, WI) and the Basilica of St. Mary were distributed for review. These were cited as examples on publishing “how we do church” and what happens in the school.
 - a. It was noted that changes or recommendations in reporting are to run through E&S; however, members expressed the importance of leadership also coming up with a format for E&S to respond to as well.

Staff Report

- 1) Deacon Gary reported that census results are in, with thanks to Teri B., and that Father Skluzacek is now asking for official requests for what to do with the census information.
 - a. Neil S. made an initial connection to the “reaching out to the inactive” initiative, whereby the census would be a vehicle for identifying. He will submit a proposal to Deacon G. in the coming weeks.
 - b. Other possibilities included updating parish records, comparing census data with data collected from OSMG.
 - c. Interest was expressed in first understanding initial census results, such as how many were returned, as this could be helpful in determining where to put evangelization efforts.
- 2) A brief update was provided on the upcoming Stewardship Day.

Ministry Reports

- 1) On Weekly Prayer, Kate A. announced intent to submit a request to Father Skluzacek to call for writing volunteers in his weekly email. Details on how to sign up are being worked out, and more conversations with Fr. S. will happen to ensure the enlisting of quality prayer writers.
- 2) On ALPHA, Neil S. addressed questions about why this ministry falls under E&S rather than Faith Formation. It was determined that ALPHA starts from going out to bring others in, compared to coming in on your own to get educated.
 - a. This raised important questions and opportunities about effective hyperlinking on the parish website.

New Business

- 1) In response to Adam R.’s recommendation for commissions to share testimonies, Linda H. spoke.

Evangelization Activities

- 1) Reaching SJB Inactive – see Staff Report

Closing Prayer

- 1) Deacon Gary closed the meeting in a word of 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: 6/5