

Saint John the Baptist – Stewardship & Evangelization Commission

November 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Date:	November 18, 2015	Time:	6:30 pm (Mass at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00)
Chair/ Vice Chair	Larry V. Linda H.	Location:	St John's
Recorder:	Marie C. (sub Engracia & Larry)	PLC Rep:	Gloria B.

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Brandon D.	X	Linda H	X	Deacon Gary	X	Larry V.	X
Engracia H.	X	Neil S.	X	Dan Kelly	X		
Marie C.		Gloria B	X				
Staff Representative:	Deacon Gary Schneider						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	N/A						

Opening Prayer and Introductions started the meeting.

Administrative Activities

The minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

PLC Report: Gloria reported that the action to encourage that a specific message of evangelization be included in the new parish mission statement and that our patron St. John the Baptist be included in the new mission statement because he was the first evangelist was tabled for future action when Fr. Skluzacek returns.

Evaluation Process – sent out via e-mail by Larry V. was briefly discussed. Larry mentioned that it was a draft proposal for comment and suggestions at the present. In the future we may be asked to use it for evaluation. Linda suggested using it to evaluate some of our committees to see how well it works.

ACTION: The draft evaluation will be used for [Shepards' Alpha and Shepherds' Little Flocks](#).

SEC Membership Update - Linda noted that our current membership terms indicated that we had four members who would end their terms in 2018. This was due to Gloria starting her term late (January 1, 2015). Our Constitution and By-Laws provide that the terms for three of the nine members end each year. To make this happen Gloria agreed that her term will end June 30, 2017. Because Gloria is in her first term, she would be able to have a second term if she wishes. Engracia H., Neil Steffl, and Brandon D. (3 years) will end their terms on June 30, 2018. We are in need of one member to fill out an open position with a term ending June 30, 2017.

ACTION: Linda H is looking for new members especially among school parents. She encouraged all to seek out new members.

Commission Goals 2015/2016 – Focus on Welcoming will be covered under Evangelization Activities.

Stewardship Activities: Prayer, Service, Annual/Capital Giving, Legacy

Regarding the recent budget report, Larry raised the question as to why so little (\$1600) of the parish budget was spend on pastoral ministry when there is a significant population to be served.

One Spirit Many Gifts 2012 vs. 2015 update – There seems to be overlap of responsibilities and aspects that are let go without follow-up.

School debt allocation -- Linda reported that the debt allocated to the school for its portion of the roof was \$231,000. If an excess is collected for that debt, the funds should go to the capital reserve.

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Linda reported on a successful “Trunk or Treat” event.

Leadership Breakfast -- Jessica B. gave an excellent presentation at the breakfast. There will be an opportunity for an encore presentation.

Evangelization Activities:

Focus on Welcoming – Brandon reported on his meeting with the Ushers and Greeters. There is a need to develop a system. From +0 to 4 they are at 0 in regard to a process. One of the leaders travels 50% of the time. They used to have 40 to 50 people. Now most of the emails bounce back. They have a one hour training process but it is not being followed. Ushers & Greeters are under Worship (Inside the Walls). Deacon Gary talked to Rita A. She works with Jay and they were having a meeting. She would bring the issue to Jay. It is important to say “We are excited you are here” and help make it a good experience. It is good even if we have 3 to 4 deep at the door. Neil said that at a smaller church you get to know who is coming in the door. Deacon Gary said “No commercials, build a relationship first.” Linda suggested getting greeters for Advent Vespers and working towards a sustainable, repeatable process. Brandon said welcoming should involve the whole parish and reach everyone. It was mentioned that Welcoming used to take photos of all new parishioners and post them. Neil recommended that we have people in the pew introduce themselves to others around them. There is a need for better communication with other commissions and try to establish a new process.

ACTION: Get greeters for Christmas. Have a working system. Deacon Gary will talk to Rita and get training for Easter. Gloria will bring the ideas for greeting, especially introductions at the beginning or at the sign of peace, to the PLC. Brandon will report back to those he meet with.

Alpha – Neil reported that 32 people will be going on retreat at a conference center in Chaska.

Encouragement of Prayer -- Neil reported that Alpha received 30 prayer requests last week. We need to pray to evangelize. Only 23% of Catholics actually attend Mass. We need to pray for them to come back. Deacon Gary said there is a need for confidentiality. We do pray for them in our intentions at Mass. People in their brokenness are blocking God.

Future Meeting Dates: 12/9, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, and 6/8