

Saint John the Baptist – Stewardship & Evangelization Commission

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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| Date: | November 15, 2016 | Time: | 6:30 pm (Dinner 5:30; Prayer 6:00) |
| Chair/ Vice Chair | Linda H. (acting chair) Neil S. (acting vice-chair) | Location: | St John's |
| Recorder: | Brandon D. | PLC Rep: | Gloria B. |

| Member/Attendee | Present | Member/Attendee | Present | Member/Attendee | Present | Member/Attendee | Present |
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| Brandon D. | X | Jane H. | X | | | Deacon Gary | X |
| Neil S. | X | Linda H. | X | | | | |
| Gloria B. | | Jim S. | X | | | | |
| Staff Representative: | Deacon Gary Schneider | | | | | | |
| Guest(s) & Purpose: | | | | | | | |

Opening Prayer and Introduction

- 1) Deacon Gary opened in prayer.
- 2) Linda H. announced she would act as the PLC Representative in Gloria B.'s absence.

Administrative Activities

- 1) Minutes from the June 20, 2016 and October 18, 2016 meetings were approved unanimously.
- 2) No PLC Report was distributed prior to the meeting, but Linda H. provided an update of last month's PLC meeting.
- 3) Election of New Officers:
 - a. Linda H. offered to be the back-up PLC Representative for the E&S Commission.
 - b. Jane H. nominated Linda H. for the position of Chair and Neil S. for the position of Vice Chair.
 - i. Neil expressed interest in vice-chair position but no intent to take over chair position permanently, rather act only as a back-up. It was noted that Linda H. will not be present for the March meeting, requiring the Vice-Chair to fill in.
 - c. A unanimous vote elected Linda H. and Neil S. to the aforementioned positions.

Vision Discussion: Evangelization & Stewardship Commission (Linda)

- 1) E&S Tasks: Linda H. filled commission members in on a meeting about vision with Fr. Skluzacek and distributed a *2016-2017 Vision and Goals* handout. Fr. S. described his vision for faith and money to cover the budget: we want to strengthen the faith of all parishioners, and a continual effort to balance the budget necessary to funding parish priorities (i.e. worship space, faith formation, a just wage for staff).
- 2) The E&S discussed and described five proposed commission tasks/goals for enacting Father's vision: Postcards, Reporting Structure, Sunday Experience, Prayer Initiative, and Reaching Out to Those Absent from SJB.
 - a. Commission members largely agreed that improving Sunday Experience will create the greatest impact in strengthening the faith of parishioners and attracting new people to the faith. If parishioners are engaged when they are here, it will "fan the flame" and perhaps draw in others. There was a brief discussion about what draws people to churches and what keeps them there. An additional concern was raised about how to address those wandering in and "just searching" and helping them pick SJB as their parish.
 - b. Secondary emphasis was placed on a Prayer Initiative proposed last year. Our commission ought to help parishioners learn how to pray and perhaps give them the resources needed to foster a deeper, more connected prayer life.
 - c. The remaining three proposed tasks were briefly outlined with an emphasis on making a personal connection.

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- 3) The commission resolved to engage in improving Sunday Experience and furthering the Prayer Initiative project.
 - a. Neil S. cautioned against executing anything before resources/materials/people are provided and method clearly defined. The response was to create “job descriptions” for the various Sunday Experience and Prayer Initiative ministries that result from initiative efforts.
 - b. Deacon Gary suggested immediate action – for example, carolers singing in the plaza during Advent, also using carolers to put a personal presence on delivering postcard invitations inviting folks in the new housing developments to come to our parish (could be a fun youth ministry outreach event).

Evangelization Committee

- 1) No update was provided for the sake of time.

Stewardship Committee - Prayer, Service, Annual/Capital Giving, Legacy

- 1) Update provided by Jim S. The commission reviewed a handout comparing 2016 with 2015 Fall Festival financial results and a handout depicting past 5 year comparative operating revenue/expense figures.
- 2) Members discussed how to best communicate such figures to parishioners and suggested financial information be published and that even more detailed reports be made available. Linda H. posited that an updated “score card” for advances made with the One Spirit Many Gifts (OSMG) campaign be provided in some way. Similar information relating to the financial goals of St. John the Baptist School should also be shared.
- 3) E&S will push for more transparency in financial matters with the goal of building trust, belonging, and faith among parishioners, thus also advancing toward Father Sluzacek’s above-mentioned vision. It was noted that the current OSMG pledge form, highlighting financial pledge first, might be interpreted as pledging money equates to “belonging.” It was agreed that an emphasis on prayer and service should be listed first.
- 4) The Stewardship Committee, will plan to assist staff by drafting future communication for OSMG giving, renewal, and pledges.

Staff Report

- 1) Charismata: Deacon Gary provided a reminder and update. SJB will host a Charismata healing ministry on alternating Fridays starting in January. SJB is hosting due to central metro location and space. Services will include praise worship, faith sharing, and intercessory prayer. It will need to be determined which commission’s jurisdiction the Charismata ministry will fall under.

New Business

- 1) Linda H. will send several links with which commission members can engage in different topics connected with evangelization & stewardship.

Closing Prayer

Ministries: New Parishioner Welcome, Legacy, ALPHA

Committees: Evangelization, Stewardship, Nominating, By-Laws, Hospitality after Mass

Future Meeting Dates: 12/13, 1/17, 2/21, 3/14, 4/18, 5/16, 6/6