

Saint John the Baptist – Stewardship & Evangelization Commission

October 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Date:	October 21, 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.	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.	
Engracia H.	X	Neil S.	X				
Marie C.	X	Gloria B	X				
Staff Representative:	Deacon Gary Schneider						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	N/A						

Opening Prayer and Introductions started the meeting.

Administrative Activities

Reviewed Minutes of September 16, 2015 – motioned and approved

PLC Report was reviewed. Neil S. made a comment that 20 attendees at ALPHA was a preliminary number and that was listed in the PLC report. Please note that the actual number of attendees at ALPHA was between 35 and 40. Linda H led a discussion on Welcoming (e.g. a need for Greeters at Sunday evening Mass) and that since Welcoming falls under S&E we should be proactive and help out with that.

ACTION: LINDA H AND BRANDON D. WILL CONTACT WELCOMING COMMITTEE.

SEC Membership Update - The current list of members and terms was reviewed. Linda H is looking for new members especially among school parents. Encouraged all to seek out new members.

ACTION: ALL SEEK OUT NEW MEMBERS. SEND OUT COMPLETE AND UPDATED CONTACT LIST FOR CURRENT MEMBERS TO ALL S&E MEMBERS

Commission Goals 2015/2016 – Discussion led by Linda H. A review of our scope of work (SOW) as put forth in the letter at the inception of the commission (letter written at 1-1-2014 from Fr. S) and some key words from the SOW are openness, welcoming, engagement of parishioners through evangelization. Also from the original PLC Commission Launch Aid, the To-Do list of commissions was reviewed. In 2014/2015, S&E successfully fostered communication with all groups under our umbrella. In 2015/2016 communication will still be an emphasis and that will involve getting feedback from the parish as a whole and also establishing a stronger working relationship with our Staff Representative. To further establish the 2015/2016 goals, Linda H and Larry V. met with Fr. J on 10/2/15. Three main goals emerged from that meeting: 1) Improve the Sunday Experience (with Hospitality and Greeting); 2) Encouraging Prayer; 3) Encourage more parishioners to give and serve.

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Brainstorming on how to achieve our goals: Establish direct person to person contacts between a certain member of the S&E with each particular group/committee/missions on a regular basis so an update is available each month. Welcoming may be the goal to address first of all and Deacon Gary noted that everyone must walk through a door to get into church and therefore can be welcomed; however, not everyone has to go to get a refreshment after mass and experience hospitality. Evangelization is Fr. S main goal (new parish mission statement may include/will include specific points on evangelization) Note: prayer is a huge part of evangelization and must be kept front and center in all conversations as the first step when talking about evangelization.

ACTION: *GLORIA B.* WILL REPORT AT PLC THAT S&E WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE A SPECIFIC MESSAGE OF EVANGELIZATION BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT AND THAT OUR PATRON ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT SINCE HE WAS THE FIRST EVANGELIST.

Focusing on Welcoming: More greeters are necessary and the greeters need to be trained. “I’m so glad you are here” is a powerful statement. Make a connection with people coming in the door and where they are at so each person knows they are welcome.

ACTION: *DEACON G* WILL CONTACT THE PARISH STAFF PERSON IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING GREETERS AT CHRISTMAS AND EASTER MASSES TO MAKE SURE THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AS A GREETER AT MASSES GOES OUT TO MORE PEOPLE.

ACTION: *LINDA H.* AND *LARRY V* WILL HAVE A SEPARATE MEETING ABOUT HOSPITALITY WITH *MARK D.* TO GET FEEDBACK ON HOW TO IMPROVE HOSPITALITY.

ACTION: *BRANDON D.* WILL CONTACT *MARK S.* FROM WELCOMING AND *COREY E.* FROM USHERS. *LINDA H.* WILL REACH OUT TO EACH OF THE REST OF THE MISSIONS (Ministries: Welcome, Legacy, ALPHA. Shepherd’s Little Flocks and these Committees: Nominating, By-Laws, Parish Mission, Hospitality after Mass, Ministry Fair) TO OPEN THE DOORS OF COMMUNICATION.

Stewardship Activities: Prayer, Service, Annual/Capital Giving, Legacy. Unable to review the Business Administrator’s Report but will email it out. There was a brief One Spirit Many Gifts 2012 vs. 2015 comparison discussion..

Evangelization Activities: Neil S. reported his success at Fall Fest in signing up 4 new people to ALPHA. 3 of the 4 have remained in contact and have attended ALPHA. Fall Fest was a great event for doing street evangelization.

New Business – All members were encouraged to attend / RSVP to Leadership Breakfast, Saturday, October 24th 8:30 to 11:30. RSVP Mark Dittman. Trunk or Treat, Wednesday, October 28th is another way promote commission &/or ministries.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Future Meeting Dates: 11/18, 12/9, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, and 6/8