

Saint John the Baptist – Evangelization & Stewardship Commission

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Date:	October 17, 2017	Time:	5:30pm Dinner; 6:05pm Prayer; 6:30pm Commission Meetings
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.	A	Linda H.	X	Kate A.	X		
Kathryn H.	X	Jane H.	X	Jim S.	X		
Mark H.	X	Charlie N.	A	Neil S.	X		
Staff Representative:	Deacon Gary S.						
Guest(s) & Purpose:							

Parish Mission: GO. MAKE. TEACH.

Opening Prayer and Introductions

- 1) Deacon Gary opened the meeting with a word of prayer.
- 2) E&S Members welcomed and reintroduced new member Kate Anderson.
 - a. Terms were reviewed, and it was noted that E&S is at full membership.

Administrative Activities

- 1) Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed prior to today's meeting. No discussion, minutes were approved unanimously.
- 2) No PLC Minutes from last month.
- 3) Linda H. asked members to discern their committee involvement.
 - a. Members expressed thanks and appreciation to Linda for organization and inclusivity of agenda items prior to each meeting.
- 4) How will E&S be living the new parish mission? -- There was a brief discussion about how the new mission changes and affects goals for the commission.
 - a. Members noted that evangelization is at the center of the new mission and current tasks align with the mission well.
 - b. It was suggested that communication be at the forefront, to create buzz around the mission and Evangelization efforts therein.
 - c. Members raised the possibility of extra meetings for brainstorming and accountability.
 - d. Lastly, the commission determined that direction, resources, and timeline be determined and prioritized by leadership before moving forward on initiatives.
 - i. **ACTION:** *Members will submit active ideas to Linda by email. List will be compiled and shared with PLC next month.*
 - ii. The only agenda item for next month's meeting will be a brainstorming session.

Evangelization

- 1) An update on the "Reconnecting: reaching out to those absent" initiative was tabled until a later meeting.
- 2) New Parishioners: Other parish tools – Kathryn H. reported.
 - a. A book resource was cited as an ideal as a parish Christmas/Easter gift.
 - b. Information about a street evangelization speaker was shared. The missionary giving the presentation was effective and could be considered for future events.

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- 3) A conversation about having hosts during parish events, such as pictorial directory sessions, resurfaced. This topic will be added to the list to be prioritized.

Stewardship Committee

- 1) Reporting: E&S will look to create a consistent and timely model for reporting on the status of stewardship initiatives.
- 2) One Spirit Many Gifts (OSMG):
 - a. Mark D. sent out finals plans and a timeline for the renewal of the capital campaign.

Ministry Reports

- 1) ALPHA – Neil S. reported.
 - a. There have been a handful of “regulars,” and overall attendance makes this one of the smaller groups. Dinner has been foregone, and meetings are now informal, which has been leading to great discussions.
- 2) Legacy – no updates per Mark D., as of 10/13/17.
- 3) New Parishioner Welcome update – Linda H. reported.
 - a. E&S has been asked for prayers for new leadership.
 - b. Flocknote has been suggested to the chair.
 - c. There was a short discussion about what happens after a new parishioner registers.
 - i. **ACTION: Kate A. will bring in materials that accompanied or followed her registration.**
- 4) Prayer – Jane H. facilitated a discussion about the future, succession, responsibility, and role of the prayer section of Father’s weekly email.
 - a. Members dissected and evaluated the process for including prayer. Discussion for possibilities in continuing this initiative was postponed to a later meeting.

Committee Reports

- 1) Bylaws are open for review and updates.
- 2) Linda H. prompted Patty A. about E&S’s role in supporting Hospitality. No update.
- 3) Nominating: Linda H. stated that the vice-chair (Charlie N.) leads the Nominating Committee but proposed that all members ought to be evangelizing for members in the appropriate places.

New Business

- 1) All Saints Party takes place Wednesday 10/25 from 6-8pm. Details were sent out.
 - a. **ACTION: Members will let Linda H./Jessica B. know by 10/23 if they are willing to coordinate E&S’s involvement.**
- 2) Details about Formation Day (Mary Mother of the Church, Burnsville) were sent via email. Linda H. and Neil S. will be attending.

Staff Report

- 1) Questions about Thanksgiving Dinner were raised for Deacon Schneider’s follow-up.

Closing 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: 11/21; 12/12; 1/23/18; 2/20; 3/20; 4/17; 5/15; 6/5