

## Stewardship & Evangelization Commission Meeting

Minutes of September 16, 2015

Members Present: Gloria B., Engracia H., Dan K., Marie C., Linda H., Brandon D. Neil S. and Larry V.

Member absent / permanently resigned due to relocation: Sandy S.

Staff Representative: none

Recorder: Marie C.

The meeting started and ended in prayer.

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### Universal Activities (e.g. common to both Stewardship and Evangelization)

*TOPIC: Possible new member ideas:* Linda H. will ask School leadership for a possible parent to join the S&E so that we are connected with the school.

*TOPIC: Review of Minutes from June 10, 2015 meeting:*

Linda H. suggested that we change the wording of the PLC report to the following, "Dan Kelly reported that the PLC supported the approach of separating the portion of the parish debt that relates to the school, such as the school re-roof, as a separately identified balance to be tracked going forward." Linda H motioned for minutes of the June 10 meeting to be approved after that change, Dan K seconded the motion.

*TOPIC: GOALS – past, present and future:* The S&E should have a separate meeting just focused only on goal setting. Linda H. would like to host that future meeting to set goals. All goals need to be aligned with the pastor's.

*ACTION:* Marie C will compile the working past/present/future list to give to Mark Dittman and Father J.

Brainstorming on some goals – Increasing membership 5%, becoming truly welcoming of new parishioners, different ethnic groups/immigrants, youth, through hospitality and engagement; possibly combine with other local parishes for a large multi-Parish Mission; collaboration across all commissions that have a goal of evangelization to coordinate goals;

Possible Future Goals - encourage annual participation in the Archdiocesan Stewardship Luncheon by making it an established event on the S&E Calendar. Also, the following potential activities were reviewed at the June 2015 meeting and the list on page 2 handed out to commission members present:

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Potential Activities for FY 2015-2016  
Stewardship & Evangelization Commission

**Calendar Planning:** Plan and DRAFT a calendar for all SEC activities, and certain “ministry” events occurring through-out the year i.e. ALPHA timing, New Parishioner Meetings, etc. and include in meeting packets.

**Stewardship**

**One Spirit Many Gifts:** Monitor and ensure follow-up activities are implemented based on pledge statistics i.e. pledges received compared to last campaign.

**Capital Pledges:** Monitor allocation of debt between parish and school for fulfillment of pledges and corporate matches specifically allocated to school debt

**Legacy Pledges and Planning Ahead Seminar:** Evaluate and conclude on recent event. Establish the planning process for future events to ensure communication to SEC, and process for future events.

**Fall Stewardship Training:** Continue to plan and support this task.

**Financial Opportunities:** Identify ways to obtain or save money for parish and school

**Prayer:** Identify ways to improve the prayer lives of all parishioners and communicate to parish

**Gospel:** Identify ways to bring the Gospel to all and communicate to parish

**Evangelization**

**Activities:** Catalog existing and potential Evangelization activities and make recommendations for continuing, ceasing, or implementing activities accordingly.

**Parish Mission:** Oversight of team selection and Planning of next Parish Mission slated for fall 2016.

**Ministry Fair:** Discuss and propose whether or not this should be a parish event for FYE 6/30/16.

**Amazing Parish Conference:** Inquire, clarify, concur and communicate what (non-staff) parish actions should be done in regard to the recent SJB participation in the Amazing Parish Conference.

**Invited Speakers:** i.e. Patrick Madrid, May 4, 2016. Determine overall support for the planned event, monitor impact to parish, and propose process for how speakers are approved and scheduled, or at least communicated to the SEC.

**Ministries:** Alpha, Welcoming, Weekend Hospitality, Shepherd’s Little Flocks

- Inquire of ministry results and needs, and be a vehicle to support new ideas, and goals
- Standardize and communicate standard presentation format for presenting at SEC

**New Members:** Ongoing identification and recruitment of new commission members.

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## **Stewardship Activities**

### *TOPIC: One Spirit Many Gifts Review:*

A final report of the OSMG 2015 Campaign would be beneficial for all commissions to receive. The specific follow up activities that S&E are charged with are currently not very clear to the S&E.

**ACTION:** Larry V will set up a meeting with Father J to discuss this.

### *TOPIC: Review of the Stewardship Luncheon:*

Linda H. attended and said it was a good meeting, especially the keynote speaker. It was recommended that the annual Archdiocesan Stewardship Luncheon should be encouraged for all S&E members to attend and a Parish staff person.

**ACTION:** Consider putting the annual Archdiocesan Stewardship Luncheon on the S&E Commission Calendar.

### *TOPIC: Legacy Society Report:*

Ed R. and Kathleen F. were previously in charge of this. The Legacy Society met August 5, 2015 and attendance was sub-optimal. Dan K. suggested Legacy Society be invited to a monthly S&E meeting in the future to present their goals and plans to ensure continued success. Legacy Society is also something that would benefit from a permanent Parish staff liaison and S&E would like to see Legacy Society continue.

## **Evangelization Activities**

### *TOPIC: ALPHA:*

Neil S. reported that Alpha is in its 5<sup>th</sup> session. 20 guests are already signed up for the Fall session of ALPHA. The goal is 50 to 75. The kick off dinner this year will not only include ALPHA guests, but also RCIA to promote evangelization and community. Usually the first session is very well attended. A testament to ALPHAs success is that three previous ALPHA attendees from this parish subsequently signed up for the Catechetical Institute. The goal of ALPHA is not just to bring people outside the church back in, but also to reach the people in the pews, those that don't have a personal relationship with Jesus. Evangelization should not be restricted to two big ALPHA events, but something that happens year round.

**ACTION:** To advertise for ALPHA, newly trained "street evangelists" from the parish could be asked to pass out ALPHA flyers after mass and at Fall Fest.

### *TOPIC: PARISH MISSION:*

To move forward with a Fall of 2016 Parish Mission, the Parish Mission would benefit from a Parish staff person assigned to it to ensure consistency, communication, and joy for those staff and volunteers involved in the planning. S&E would like to support the Parish Mission and the pastor as it is planned.

### *TOPIC: NEW BUSINESS:*

S&E is very excited to align the goals of evangelization of the various groups under the coordination of Jessica B., the new Parish staff Discipleship and Mission Director.

### **Future Meeting Dates:**

10/21, 11/18, 12/9, 1/20, 2/17, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, and 6/8.