

Saint John the Baptist – Evangelization & Stewardship Commission

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Date:	January 23, 2018	Time:	5:30pm Dinner; 6:05pm Prayer; 6:35pm Commission Meetings, 7:45pm PLC Meeting
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.	Y	Linda H.	Y	Kate A.	Y		
Kathryn H.	Y	Jane H.	Y	Jim S.	Y		
Mark H.	Y	Charlie N.	A	Neil S.	Y		
Staff Representative:	Deacon Gary S.						
Guest(s) & Purpose:	Fr. Skluzacek PLC/Seeking E&S input for 2/3/18 Stewardship Coffee						

Parish Mission: GO. MAKE. TEACH.

Opening Prayer

- 1) Deacon Gary opened the meeting in prayer.

Administrative Activities

- 1) E&S thanked Jane H. for her work in initiating and managing the Prayer section of Father's weekly email. Duties and contact information were handed off to Kate A. Jane has officially resigned from the E&S commission.

Stewardship Activities

- 1) 2/3/18 Stewardship Coffee event hosted by SJB: "Unpacking the Bishops Document on Stewardship"
 - a. E&S volunteers include Jim S., Neil S., Linda H., and Mark H..
 - b. Father Skluzacek shared the format of the event and outlined possible duties for volunteers, which include helping with check-in, greeting, and organization. Volunteers were encouraged to contact Teri Shea regarding specific duties..
 - c. Father requested input from E&S about SJB's OSMG stewardship renewal campaigns for his presentation. There was a detailed discussion with a brief history, fruits, and areas for growth.
 - i. Fruits of the model included: an effort to put prayer first, to instill a community feeling of ownership and empowering parishioners to own their discipleship, finding new ways to explain giving, the new Legacy Committee, the current commission structure, defining the new mission, and the opportunity to offer up suffering.
 - ii. Opportunities for continued growth in the area of Stewardship included: educating new parishioners about the OSMG campaign, renewing energy and engagement for longer-time parishioners, educating young people about tithing and finance, and using data from OSMG to share with parishioners and inform how to renew campaign efforts.
 - d. Father S. announced that he and Mark Dittman are planning to start the renewal process earlier for 2018 with the help of E&S.
 - i. **ACTION:** *Communicate any ideas about the November 2018 OSMG renewal with Deacon Gary.*

Administrative Activities – continued

- 1) Kathryn H. moved to approve the minutes from last month's meeting; Mark H. seconded. No discussion. E&S Meeting Minutes from December 2017 were approved unanimously.
- 2) There was a brief discussion about how/whether the PLC Minutes are edited each month. Neil S. will find out and suggest to PLC to allow for preview before publishing.

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- 3) A current E&S Commission membership spreadsheet was distributed and open/opening positions were discussed.
 - a. **ACTION: Keep eyes/ears open for potential members, especially effective evangelizers and stewards. Give names to Linda H. to reach out.**
 - b. Members suggested reaching out to Principal Laird and the Young Adults group for representation.
- 4) In Charlie N.'s absence, Linda H. opened up the meeting for nominations to E&S 2018-2019 officer positions. No nominations were made, and a request was made for a volunteer to poll the group prior to the February meeting.
- 5) Deacon Gary reported on the current standing of the E&S Idea List submitted last month:
 - a. A meeting took place between Deacon Gary and the leadership team earlier in the evening, but the list will not get a full review until a later meeting.
 - i. Initial feedback from the leadership team was that there is a lot of detail and good options. Leadership affirmed that E&S can drive some of the items, should prioritize some items to move forward on, and roll requests up through the normal processes.
 - ii. Members inquired with Father Skluzacek about how the other commissions responded to the call for initiative ideas connected to the mission.
 - b. E&S response was to continue to wait for direction from leadership, as defined goals should cascade down from leadership. With goals/priorities defined, members can weigh ideas from the Idea List that would align to the priorities and proceed with those ideas.

Evangelization Activities

- 1) 50th Anniversary Update
 - a. Linda H. reported that there are conversations happening and people interested in helping. Broad participation, Reaffirmation of roots, and Present/Ongoing Diversity were highlighted as important to consider.
 - i. The Anniversary is tentatively planned to kick off with an opening event on August 25th, the anniversary of SJB, include many ongoing events and celebrations through the year, and end next summer with a concluding event.
 - ii. Next step is to put together a steering committee. The period for planning is scheduled to go through June.
 - b. Members suggested having a piece of parish history each week in the bulletin – 50 years of history – 50 artifacts.
- 2) Soup Supper: Father Shovelain is looking for commission volunteers for March 9th Lenten soup supper.
 - a. There was a brief discussion asking what the money is raised for and whether other ministries have been invited or informed.
 - b. **ACTION: Reach out to Father Shovelain directly by email with questions and interest.**

Ministry Reports

- 1) ALPHA: Neil S. reported that an ALPHA course would take place this Spring.
- 2) Charismata: Deacon Gary reported that the change to an earlier time was well received. It was noted that the time will need to be pushed back during Lent to avoid conflicts with Stations of the Cross.
 - a. E&S suggested education around what Charismata entails, bulletin promotion, and a pulpit announcement the weekend before each Charismata service to help increase SJB involvement.

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- 3) Legacy Committee: Mark H. reported that the open Director of Development position is still open, but has had a few applicants. Other updates and announcements were tabled until February.
- 4) New Parishioner Welcome: no update.
- 5) Weekly Prayer: Kate A. is now leading this initiative. More updates are coming later.

Committee Reports

- 1) Bylaws – tabled.
- 2) Hospitality: Applications for Hospitality position are slow, and ministries are asked to consider hosting. Teri B. and Rita A. are providing materials and set-up help.

New Business

- 1) Honorary chairs for the 50th Anniversary were announced.
- 2) Talk has begun about the next pilgrimage, perhaps to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico.
 - a. Pilgrims shared positive feedback about the pilgrimage company.

Staff Report – no report.

Closing Prayer – Deacon Schneider

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: 2/20; 3/20; 4/17; 5/15; 6/5