

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

Evangelization Committee Minutes: September 9, 2018

Present: Deacon Allen Olson, Chris Slowinski, Carol Apuli, Joanne Burg, Marilyn Horst, Steve Johnson, and Carol Kawleski

Excused: Mary Hobert, Georgene Gazdik, and Sharon Steinhart

Opening Prayer:

Welcome to Parish Council Rep for Evangelization

Welcome Steve Johnson

Listing of 2017-2018 Activity

- + Wine & Cheese After Saturday Masses (September through May)
- + Getting to Know You Dinners
- + Ecumenical: Distribution of lilies at Easter & poinsettias at Christmas to 6 churches in area
- + Special Occasion Gifts - Mother's Day; Father's Day; Christmas; Easter
- + Small Study Groups
- + Distribution of religious literature (books)
- + Packet sent to family of baptismal recipients
- + Sympathy card sent at Christmas time to remember people who have lost a loved one during year
- + Packet for new members of the parish
- + Welcome Sundays - invitation to Mass

Steve Johnson's Suggestions

The above items were mentioned for our review as well as for Steve's information.

Steve suggested the following as goals for our group:

- + Further outreach and accountability in the community
- + Increase our parish membership by 10% within 5 years
- + Look into offering Mass (daily venue) at different times to allow for more participation/availability to different audience than currently offered at 8:00 am
- + Conduct survey of parish members using the tool "Survey Monkey" to determine their interests
- + Chris Slowinski reminded us that we can add programs to but is that our goal? Rather, do we not want to lead people to a greater love of Christ?

Items for Consideration and Further Discussion (Goals for 2018-2019)??

- ✚ Attract and maintain new members
 - Gathering for New Parishioners
 - Re-consider the time frame of new membership: Membership as of the last 6-8 months
 - Consider having this gathering after Mass - maybe November
 - After talking with new people, they would like to come to a place where there are other new parishioners as well
- ✚ Small Groups
 - Training for small group leaders in January (evenings) at St. Charles—16 sessions (although not a mandate for specifically 16 sessions)!!
 - People who have gone through training for Catholic ID, need not attend the specific training at St. Charles
 - This opportunity needs to be printed in the bulletin AND Father Ken needs to talk about the small group process - and its importance --
 - Five groups w/leaders and 6-8 members (12 members is pushing it for size)
 - Marilyn Horst
 - Chris Slowinski
 - Mary Hobert
 - Jill Gosse
 - Jacyntha Shaw
- ✚ "Come to the Courtyard"

Every Monday for twelve weeks Matthew Kelly will talk about The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity Subtitle: How Modern Culture is Robbing Billions of People of Happiness

Closing Prayer

Chris Slowinski

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 8, 2018; 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER: Carol Apuli