

Evangelization Minutes

November 19, 2008

The Evangelization Commission met on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory dining room. Those in attendance included Chris Maurer, Don Sims, Glen Wackerle, Fr. Ed, and Mary Jo Masterson. Mary Lou Peters and Bob Rumping were excused.

Father Ed reported that after several phone calls, he finally got in touch with someone in Minnesota who had been involved with the School of Evangelization. He was interested in more information on involving the whole parish in RCIA. The team in Minnesota is currently trying to get as many parishioners as possible to participate in Alpha and encourages us to do the same. We are involved but with only 30-35 participants at a time. Fr Ed also reported as a follow-up to Alpha, thirty men from the parish are attending the ACTS Retreat this weekend, and he requested prayers that all are blessed with a good experience.

Mary Jo reported for Mary Lou that approximately fifteen visits have been scheduled with newly registered parishioners. Also, Ambassadors have been sent names of “unengaged” parishioners to contact, along with a script from Fr Ed. The intent is to see to their needs and welcome them back into the community. We also hope by doing this we will get a more accurate list of members, maybe finding out about moves or affiliation elsewhere. Glen reported he had visited a family who had belonged to Mary Mother, moved away, and rejoined because they felt more at home. This family travels to MMOC from Illinois.

Mary Jo reported that a contract has been signed with Theater of the Word for the play on the Life of St. Paul. It is set for Tuesday, March 3. We will begin to publicize information after the first of the year. Ed Lewandowski is working with Mary Jo in this endeavor and hopes to have his Confirmation students involved.

The Alpha Dinner will be held tomorrow night with a crowd of ninety-three expected. Pray for a successful evening. A big “thank you” to Bob Carroll and team for continuing to run this special event. Bob will come to our next meeting to make an official report on the continuing program.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Masterson