

**Most Holy Redeemer Church  
Evangelization Team  
Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2016**

**Present:** Father Shaun, Alvira Balut, Kathy Banas, Bernice Baranowski, Donna Paddock, Joan Smola, Linda Wiesner

**Absent:** John Gibbons

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 10:00 am

**Cookout for Young Families**

This event is scheduled for Sunday, August 21 at 5:30. 2 or 3 families responded by the RSVP date. John will contact additional families and coordinate games for children possibly with help from older faith formation students. Kathy will get food. Those helping with the event were asked to arrive at the parish hall at 4:30 on Sunday.

**Discussion of Evangelization Team Structure**

Kathy suggested that we have a chairperson who will set our agenda, facilitate our meetings and follow up with team members as needed. Joan volunteered to be chairperson. Donna agreed to be the note-taker. Joan suggested that meeting minutes be reviewed for additions and corrections before they are uploaded to the MHR web site.

**Bowling and Pizza Party for Youth Altar Servers**

John to discuss with Peter Meyer. Due to everyone's busy schedules, it is unlikely this event will occur before school starts.

**Blessing of the Animals**

The team decided to have a "Blessing of the Animals" on Oct. 2 at 4:30 pm, the Sunday closest to St. Francis' feast day, which falls on Oct. 4. The event will be held in the MHR courtyard. Linda will prepare a flyer to insert into the weekly bulletin. Linda will also order St. Francis medals to distribute to those who attend the event.

**Other Possible Special Events**

The team discussed the possibility of having a special Mass for farmers, a celebration of the fall harvest, a blessing of the fields (in the spring), and a Mass to celebrate the beginning of school (which Father noted we already do).

**Sympathy and Get Well Cards**

Donna showed the group the cards that had been printed. 20 of each were printed. We can make any needed/desired changes before the next printing. The cards were given to Linda, who will ensure that they go out as needed and that Father has a chance to sign.

### **Welcome Cards**

Donna showed the group the “Welcome Cards” that were printed. The cards may be used by visitors to MHR to request more information about the parish and possible membership. The cards may also be used by current parishioners to let the office know about a change of address or to note a special prayer request. Father noted that special prayer requests can be included in the weekly bulletin after the votive intentions. Linda noted that another possibility is to put the requests on the altar at Mass in case people do not want the requests printed in the bulletin.

### **Announcements at Mass**

Joan suggested that each month we have a representative from a different MHR ministry talk about that ministry at the end of Mass.

### **MHR Masses on Hadley Public Access TV**

Alvira and Joan reported issues with blurriness of Masses or parts of Masses. Kathy will look into the matter.

### **Outreach to Elderly and Homebound**

Alvira encouraged team members to let her know of anyone who is ill so that she can reach out to them to see if they would like to receive Communion and Weekend Meals.

### **Directory of MHR Ministries**

Alvira provided team members with the latest version of the directory in which she had added descriptions of what many of the ministries and clubs do. Alvira will continue to work on descriptions. Father noted that each ministry or club should review its description before the directory is printed.

### **Flowers for the Altar**

Kathy noted that Elaine nursing home receives flowers from Trader Joes and raised the possibility of our getting flowers from Trader Joes to decorate our altar. Joan noted that the donated flowers are ones that Trader Joes cannot sell and that they may be too droopy for the altar by the time we need them.

### **MHR Food Pantry**

Donna noted that she has contacts at Grow Food Northampton that can be tapped for seasonal vegetables for our food pantry. Joan noted that we currently get vegetables from Next Barn Over in Hadley.