

Mission Strategy Group

Meeting Minutes

2/4/2010

Mary+, Charlene, Ann, Hannah, Dan, Carole, +Eugene, Mark, Laura L, Jim, Portia+, Wes+

We talked with Chuck+ to set the Agenda

The task is to speak and be heard. It is different from October in that we have raw material that we want them to discuss. We can say the goal is to give MSG & the Council as much help as possible. Where is the energy in your parish?

Agenda

9:00 AM -9:45 AM - +Eugene is the first voice we need to hear and he will reintroduce Chuck+. We will have a large group to bring us up to speed. We need to catch something of the spirit we have already seen in the time together – cheerleading, memory building, gathering time. This should be a fun time, a chance to relax, breathe for a moment and remember why we are excited about doing this.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM - Break-outs - consensus & conversation and sifting. Introduce more unpredictability factor. In some ways this works well, in some it does not. Not knowing if at the end of the day we will actually have something. We will have 8 groups working on the bullet points from the Area Gathering Notes, which have been sorted into 4 categories. The document is attached separately

1 Inviting & Welcoming (Radical Hospitality)

- 11 items

2 Making Disciples

- 17 items

3 Being the Church in the World

- 26 items

4 Being the Church Together

- 24 items

We don't want people to self select the groups – we want to sort it into an even number so we can move forward with as much dispatch as possible. Maybe we can use nametags by color to sort the groups.

The group leaders will be

- Mary G
- Mark S
- Dan
- Wes
- Anne & Jim
- Stuart Wright
- Portia
- Laura M

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Each group will also need a recorder.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM - Gather back into a large group right before lunch – put the items on screen so they can see what they have suggested before we break for lunch.

Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM – social and dead time, can we have as people come up to the line, TV or DVD showing images of the Diocese. Need a projector and a place to show it. Maybe have a question to answer at the table (what have they most appreciated about this process so far).

Subgroup to come up with questions for each group to ask. What of these bullet points could coalesce into a goal for the diocese? We need to set a guideline for each subgroup to report back and come up with a big rock and 3 or 4 bullet points that are strategic goals.

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM – Back into their break-out groups (same groups as the AM); however, they are no longer brainstorming, instead we give them the work of other groups work to reflect on. They get an hour to do that, then bring those groups back and reflect on each of the items. Less about group buy in as a whole, it is more of a familiarity factor to those who were together before. We need to ensure they realize that what they did in the morning is NOT what they are to do in the afternoon, they are reflecting on the work that was done in the morning, not recreating it.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM - Large Group to take a look at what the groups have done, get broader consensus (buy-in and reporting). Get a timeline together. How this will go into convention – this is the buy in phase.

Other discussion

The big picture plan is to do this work every 5 years. Chuck+ is going to do an intro reminder of what we are doing and what we have done so far.

How to set goals –

- There are goals that are program goal and some that are process goals. How do you separate these?
- +Eugene – how we can make our processes better – it may be we can get a structural goal out of this?
- Structural goals could be how do we structure ourselves to do the things we want to do? What structures help or hinder in the diocese and what process can we do to help that along. The tangible goals that come out regarding the processing may be a form to report back on how to strengthen certain communication or the process.

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We will need to discuss what body will be created to work with council, etc to see that things continue and are implemented.

We need to ensure we use the materials created from the area gatherings.

What is the outcome we want to leave with? Mary+ suggested that we come up with an Outline of the presentation to Council; however, charging Horizons to come up with outline is too much. Council may get more raw material than they think. Part of Horizons responsibility is to sell this to their Parish. At the end of the 27th, we need to take the document down to a maximum of 15 or 20.

The Main goal is to produce big rocks but we need to remind everyone that we are doing a lot of other things. Not just the big rocks.

At Convention, the Horizons product should be affirmed as first piece of business. Small group discussions on how this fits into our parishes should follow.

There was a discussion on literature from interested people on the issue they want to push at the Horizons Gathering – MSG's decision on this is that everyone needs to be given the opportunity to do this or no one should have the opportunity. These issues have been included in our items to discuss.

Try not to use the word vote, use affirm.

Tasks

- Mary+ & Chuck+ are to draft Norms
- Mary+ will come up with the standardized questions for discussion during the break-out sessions.
- Jason will emailing the group a reminder of the meeting & to look at the materials.
- Laurie to send Hannah the list again.
- Laurie to create the large signs for the break-out groups
- Laurie & Wes+ to coordinate on the photos rolling during the lunch line.
- Music & Worship – Wes+ & the youth will take on one piece of this
- Hannah to create nametags by color
- Handouts of the categories and items to be printed

Next Meetings

February 27th from 9:00 AM – 4 PM – Horizons Gathering at Claggett

March 6th from 9:00 AM -11:00 AM – Diocesan Council meeting at Buckingham's Choice.