



Community Day Evaluations February 17, 2024 Summary

What was most helpful to you in today's meeting?

- **Positive Spirit; Enthusiasm of Charism Group, inspiring and challenging**
- **Well planned/informational/Organized; inclusive presenters;** Rhythm of info/quiet/sharing/feedback, small and large group; presented ideas for short-term and long-range plans; explained role of committee
- **Group Interaction/Engagement;** Table sharing; Listening and heartfelt sharing of ideas, thoughts; Hearing all the possibilities that the committee offer the ideas to move forward with Charism
- **Facilitator** Sherryl's synopsis after the large group sharing; facilitation and summarizing
- **Too Much Info--** Great meeting- too much info at once; could more of this be given in writing so we can reflect on topics; It all resonated-but together it is overwhelming.
- **Prayer and Holy Spirit-** Being more aware of the Holy Spirit and discerning the will of the Holy Spirit in my life; The opening and closing prayer- powerful
Being in a room of mystical and scholarly love; all are a part of process- brings a new energy to be more intentional about moving forward and taking personal ownership of continued journey
- **Most Helpful--** Concrete suggestions and ideas; Encourage community to come to weekly Sunday liturgy and offer coffee with Sisters after
The prayer, fishbowl sharing, bringing in the Holy Spirit so much; The reports from the committee; the question-and-answer period; Discussion of large group feedback
Background/Analysis – good explanation and foundational; summarizing the process
presentation of summarizing the process we are beginning
Openness of communication; reflection questions- but more meaningful now- that the purpose is to deepen our charism

Community Day Evaluation February 17, 2024 – Question 2

Any thoughts or suggestions for moving this process forward:

Ways of moving process forward

- Participate in July 4 Millcreek parade to show presence of Sisters, Associates and agreees and partners in mission
- Look for ways to allow Sisters to share their stories with youth at places such as primary schools, MLK and JFK Centers, middle and high schools, scout groups
- Continue all that was presented today; Combine charism flyer and reflection book
- There is a lot of doing but not a lot of being
- Spiritual activities missing from social events- how to ensure every activity is focused around charism/mission; Commitment to deep prayer to the Holy Spirit for Jer. 29:11 guidance

Affirmed

- Would like commitment card for St. Joseph Day; Do charism flyer, reflection booklet
- Continue Question of the Week

Helpful Suggestions:

- Helpful for each speaker to identify themselves by name; share more about facilitator
- During these sessions, give instructions to not comment on each other's input at the tables at the beginning of the day
- Copy of the prayer would be appreciated; present info in writing; have outline
- Whole program was too meaty- provided too fast that I could not keep up and need a summary
- Call to action, need to follow through
- We need to move beyond what is being done to having SSJNN, St V staff, Mary Ann White, SSJ, reps from Havens come at same time to meet and interact and do a presentation to Sisters, Associates, Agreees; they will be the ones to continue to continue the mission and ministries, carry on the charism
- The clearer/more concrete the better; Combining all possibilities into one/two concrete ideas
- Committees need to work together for shared activities & participation- be organized in the approach; Improve communication among all the groups, committees, etc. and share with all
- At beginning of group meeting/sharing- name hope/desire/wish for what happens at meeting that day
- Put the weekly reflection question on the first page of website (focus on one at a time)—do not add more questions; there is enough already

Community Calendar Needed

- Put the community calendar on the website ASAP; Community Calendar- online- available to all- be aware of what other groups are doing so work/activities are not overlapping/being duplicated; Aim for one event each month and watch for overlap among various groups

Shared Ideas

- Beginning and ending prayer was powerful
- Building relationships is important – there is strength in numbers, building relationship outside our comfort zones is important
- Youth missing; What about events like for young people “come meet with the sisters”
- What about a court liaison program for youth; We need to invite younger members
- Liked liturgical inclusion suggestion – Invite to Sunday liturgy and coffee after with sisters
- Incorporate works, ministries we are already involved with
- It would be nice to have a ‘Visiting Committee’ one that would make a visit to the lonely, sick, or just say hello
- Would like to know more about our works- maybe I could help in one of those
- Pray to the Spirit, community prayer for peace for the world

Overwhelming, too much info

- Addressing the “overwhelming feeling”- the ideas presented could be spread over a couple of years
- It feels like we are trying to accomplish everything all at once
- Overwhelming . . . too much to take in and process, maybe a little less
- Still feel it might be too much for some who never move
- I think we need to slow down, felt overwhelmed, nothing new, nothing to move us beyond our comfort zones; as evidenced in the comment that we are only building on what we have already have
- Too much info in SSJ Weekly News and in Interim---
- We do not seem to move; the suggestions made are already in action – adding here and there --
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- It is like we take baby steps and then go backwards and we need to expand and take bigger steps to move forward
- No more reflection booklets- do not overwhelm
- Lots to digest – seemed rushed at the end

Gratitude

- Appreciated openness and strong encouragement and ongoing inclusion
- Thanks for the preparation
- Keep up the good work; very inclusive, thanks
- You are doing a great job!
- This has been the best meeting; very explanatory of charism
- I know the committee has done a great deal of work. I just hope I am able to participate in some way
- None that not already suggested