

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Social Room at 5:30 p.m. on Tues., June 14th, 2022
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Nikki Fischer, Blair Folkens, Amber Schroepfer, Randy Sellner and Peter Roufs;
Absent: Adam Armbruster, Jenny Miller, George Schwint, Matt Grausam;
 3. May minutes were approved.
 4. June agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ Amber Schroepfer was welcomed as a new member of the committee.
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Approve annual membership to MSHSL...Peter shared the value of extra-curricular activities. It was motioned & seconded to approve the annual MSHSL membership.
 2. Travel - Washington D.C. Summer 2023...prior to COVID, students traveled to Washington D.C. Rachel Windschitl requested student travel to Washington DC in the summer of 2023. (Travel rotation will be considered in the future.) It was motioned & seconded to approve the request and see what interest there may be.
 3. Staff Updates...as of this writing, 4th & 5th grade positions are open. All other positions have been filled. The search for applicants is being broadened.
 4. Updated E and C Policy (1st Reading)...Tuition cap was discussed, and will be instituted as written. The 2nd reading of the E & C Policy will be mailed in early July for approval so as to include any updates in the registration packets.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported on the Catholic School Center of Excellence...CSCOPE has resources and fund grant money towards schools. Their mission is to increase enrollment and academic excellence. Catholic School enrollment has increased in the Archdiocese since COVID. With the provided grants at no cost to St. Mary's Catholic School, the school is able to pick and choose the parts of the program that they can use. The involvement of CSCOPE has been a real motivating factor.
 2. Religious Education~Sam Rosemeier reported on next year's Religious Ed. and the need for teachers. Valley Fair trip is Wednesday, June 29th; Totus Tuus (June 5-9) went well, with an overall good experience; Camp Beloved/Greatness will be at Schoenstatt Retreat Center, Sleepy Eye tis July & early August.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that Rebecca Visser will be Sean's replacement. She will start at the end of July (there will be a little gap in which Sean is scheduling for), and will be doing weekend Masses, school Masses and teaching High School Choir. She is coming from the metro area to be near a Catholic High School; An adult education class on the book of Romans will begin June 15th; The church floor project is expected to be completed by the start of school (Monday, August 29th). Some pews will need to be repaired before they are brought back into church; Tuck pointing and terrazzo are starting the week of June 20th.
 4. Financial~Investments have taken a steep decline. (We are not reliant on investments for stability.) The end of the year financials look good with the fiscal year ending in June. We are looking at a 12% increase for teachers to keep up with inflation; Caribbean Knight brought in \$160,000-\$170,000, with some outstanding bills still to deduct. Supporters of the school were very generous.
 5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C Members~none
- D. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 9th, 2022, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
- E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- F. ADJOURNMENT~6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer