

## ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:32 p.m. on Tues., Apr. 9, 2024
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Jenny Miller, Emily Krzmarzick, Jamie Pietig, George Schwint, Samuel Rosemeier, Matt Grausam, Fr. Mark Steffl, Peter Roufs  
Absent: Dan Braulick, Nikki Fischer, Fr. Tanner
  3. March minutes were approved
  4. April agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Costa Rica fundraising...there was an easter egg hunt fundraiser over Easter break to help with costs for the trip that will take place in Summer 2025 (12 students are signed up). They would like to sell autumn decor for another fundraiser (pumpkins, corn stocks) in the Fall, and are asking board approval & board forgiveness for the other fundraiser run without first approval; Motion carried.
  2. Staff updates...a paraprofessional (17 hour position-Tami Kober) and 4th grade teacher (Shelley Roufs) will not be coming back; Marie Bushard, Head Cook is TBD.
  3. E and C Membership...George Schwint will stay on for a 2nd term, ending in 2027; Nikki Fischer will be completing her 2nd term in June, so her position will be open.
  4. Senior Class Trip...Judd & Jen Walter were chaperones, and all went well (13/17 Seniors were on the trip). Peter would like to propose that there would be two options available in the future. (Orlando \$1450 or Florida Keys \$1950...costs are approximate.) Trip deposits would increase from \$100.00 to \$500.00/May & \$500.00/August and be non-refundable. Remainder of balance due in late January. Motion carried.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that the ACT took place on a rescheduled date due to the weather. April's virtue of the Month is Forgiveness. The Elementary collected over \$1000.00 for San Lucas, which was matched by a generous donor. The High School is having Spring Fling Week April 8-12th. 9th & 10th Grade Retreats at Schoenstatt will be Wednesday, April 17th and Wednesday, April 24th respectively. 9th & 10th Grade PreACT tests will be Tuesday, April 16th and Tuesday, April 23rd respectively. NWEA testing for K-8 will take place at the end of April. 6th Grade Patrollers that served for two years, will be attending a Twins game, Thursday, April 25th. The Juniors & Seniors will celebrate Prom on Saturday, April 27th. Mental Health Week will be co-sponsored by Mrs. Christensen and the Student Council from April 29th-May 3rd; Nosbush Glass has started the school re-keying project, and the heating/air conditioning installation is in progress in the gym/field house.
  2. Religious Education~ Samuel reported that Religious Ed. was canceled on March 27th due to various reasons. The Puffins fundraiser ended April 3rd, and the profit looks to be similar to other years. Closing night for Religious Ed. is May 8th; 1st Communion's second meeting took place this past Sunday, and all were invited to stay for the Divine Mercy service in Church at 3:00 PM. 1st Communion Interviews will take place on April 23 and 24th. Saturday, May 4th, 10:00 AM is rehearsal for 1st Communion, with Mass on Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 PM; Youth Group has been going well. They have a consistent group as well as some others that come and go for the different activities; Totus Tuus is scheduled for June 16-20th at St. Mary's; Samuel announced his formal resignation. He will go through the month of June;
  3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl is pleased with the budget and the contributions from the parish that substantially helps the school. He also spoke about the importance of the staff increase and that it attracts qualified employees for the positions that are available.
  4. Financial~ (HANDOUT) Matt shared the budget notes for the school. Facility expenses are up due to the improvement projects going on. Transportation is more expensive as we are using SE Bus Lines solely, whereas in the past we used our drivers. The Redwood Falls/Fairfax route has also increased in cost this year; The Business office will be using a new program starting July 1st, using the same system and chart of accounts throughout the diocese; 2024-25 budget was shared. Health/Dental/Vision Insurance has an increase of 18%;

One theology position will be removed, while two Handmaid contracts will be added. Salary/Hourly employees will see an increase of 10%; No tuition increase for PreK and Kindergarten, whereas an increase of 5% for grades 1-12 will take place; .2 position added at Nex Tu Nu II;

E. FUTURE AGENDA

1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room

2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

F. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.

G. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:16 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer