

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

- A. Called to order by Emily Krzmarzick in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:34 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 14, 2025.
1. Prayer...Fr. Craig Timmerman
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Emily Krzmarzick, Jamie Pietig, George Schwint, Peter Roufs, Shelley Roufs, Fr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Nathan Hansen  
Absent: Sara Nosbush, Dan Braulick, Victor Martinez, Jenny Miller, Matt Grausam
  3. November minutes were approved by email in December.
  4. January agenda - no quorum to approve
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. PreK and Kindergarten tuition for 2025-26 school year...Peter reported that it had not increased for the last couple of years. He will consult with Matt, and a recommendation will be presented for the 2025-26 year at the February meeting.
  2. MDE food service audit report...Peter went over the report, and there were 11 findings that will be addressed. Another beef donation and funds for processing were also received.
  3. SE Public funding request...River Valley Track coop (SEPS, St. Mary's, Springfield) requested a donation of \$5000.00 to maintain the track, every year, in addition to the taxes that are collected (\$180,000 to resurface the track is the goal). Board is on the consensus to decline, as we only share its use for 2 months of the year.
  4. Senior Class trip update...The seniors choose a Florida Keys resort for 2025 (same destination as last year). They asked if it was possible for an extra day. It was checked into, and was not viable this year due to the extra cost.
  5. March for Life update...7th grade is going and was opened up to grades 8-12. KCs are paying for one bus.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~ Mr. Roufs reported that the month's virtue for January is Gratitude; The Robotics Club will begin for Grades 3-9, (Jan. 13-March 15) on Tuesdays for Gr. 3-5, and Thursdays for Gr. 6-9 after school until 5:00 PM; The end of 2nd quarter is January 16th, and there will be no school on January 17th (teacher workshop). There will also be no bussing on Monday, January 20th; Catholic Schools Week is January 25-31st with Family Night moving to Thursday night, January 30th; Winter NWEA testing for Kindergarten through 8th grade will be January 20-24th; MSHSL Triple-A Award (Academics, Arts & Athletics) nominees for St. Mary's are Noah Christensen and Nora Hoffmann; Upcoming fundraisers include the Caribbean Knight event on Saturday, February 8th starting at 5:30 PM, and the CUF Raffle January 20th; Mr. Roufs will be attending a CSCOE Conference February 5-7th. (CSCOE sent a \$500.00 check to use for our staff Christmas Party.); Accreditation self-study work continues, including standards and steering committee work that will pick-up in the Spring. Stakeholder surveys will go out at the end of January; Preschool gained two new students after Christmas break.
  2. Religious Education~ Shelley reported that classes resumed on Jan. 8th. Catholic Schools Week Family Fun Night will not conflict this year, as it was moved to a Thursday; Confirmation students had a NET Retreat in December and the feedback was very positive for the experience that they had. (They will have their confirmation interviews with Father this week.); The 2nd graders in the AFC will make their First Reconciliation on Jan. 26th.
  3. Pastor/Superintendent~Confirmation interviews are taking place, and Fr. Timmerman heard very positive comments from the retreat, notes at mass, instruction from Sr. Cora Marie and in general; Thanks to Peter for leading our school so well.
  4. Financial~none
  5. Caribbean Knight funds...there was a question to see if the E & C Committee has any involvement of where the funds go. Mr. Roufs stated that the CK committee asks what needs are on the top of the list for the "Fund-A-Need" part of the event. This year the "Fund-A-Need" profits from coasters made by the Kindergarten-5th grade went to fund the window restoration project in the Middle School classrooms. The remainder of the money remains in the fund, with withdrawals TBD.
  6. Tuition help was explained (funds available...Adopt a student, FAIR Application)
  7. SEPS calendar vs. SMS calendar...discussion was held on the aspects of how the days line up, and reasons for not having more of the same in-session days...affects the "no bussing" challenges at St. Mary's.

- E. FUTURE AGENDA...PreK and Kindergarten tuition increase for 2025-26 school year
  - 1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 was CANCELED (as of Feb. 6, 2025).  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
  - 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- F. PRAYER
- G. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:19 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer