

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

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:33 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 9, 2024
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Dan Braulick, Nikki Fischer, Samuel Rosemeier, Fr. Mark Steffl, Matt Grausam, Peter Roufs and Fr. Tanner  
Absent: Jenny Miller, Amber Schroeffer, George Schwint, Jamie Pietig
  3. November minutes were approved in December
  4. January agenda was approved with numbers 3,4, and 5 added under Action/Discussion Items.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Senior class trip update...3 students have decided to forgo the trip, and will now forfeit money that was paid for the hotel stay. Judd & Jen Walter were asked, and will be chaperones for the trip. Price at \$1300.00 (transportation not included-to & from airport & Key West excursion for scuba diving, fishing).
  2. Football Coop annual meeting recap...committee met and overall things went well. Coaches had input...one or two homecomings (sticking with two); JH practice at SMS...coaches wanted all levels to practice at SEPS. As of now, SMS will keep the JH practice on the St. Mary's campus; Pep Fest stipulation...SMS is keeping with the intention that pep fests should be school focused, so there will be no cheerleader/football player invitation to attend each school's event; Adding to cheerleader roster...18 girls are now able to participate; Locker room-lack of room to change, so were using alternate places at SEPS; Pep Band...worked well, and was provided to both game sites (mostly SMS members).
  3. Marathon Days off of school as an incentive...daycare issue was brought up to the board, because of it being hard for parents to take a day off, or find sitters. (It was decided to not change at this time.)
  4. School Schedule alignment between SMS & SEPS...question arose for start time in August and was discussed. (There was no decision to change at this time.)
  5. Board Resignation...Amber Schroeffer has resigned. If anyone has a person in mind that would consider filling her position, let Fr. Steffl or Peter Roufs know.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that Robotics has started for the students in grades 2-5. It is a 6 week program, funded by the grant from the Schulze Foundation, and led by Mr. Lindsey Johnson; The CSW meal will again be sponsored by After Prom; Christmas bonuses were given to the staff from 3 generous donors; Grades 9-11 attended the OJT (On the Job Training) Job Fair at the Sleepy Eye Event Center; The end of 2nd quarter/1st Semester is on Thursday, January 18th, and there will be no school on Friday, January 19th, as teacher's will have an in-service day; NWEA testing for winter will be taking place this month; Catholic Schools Week is January 27-February 2nd, 2024; Caribbean Knight celebration/fundraiser is Saturday, February 10th, 2024; The CUF Raffle fundraiser kicks off on January 12th.
  2. Religious Education~ Samuel reported that last Wednesday was ProLife focused and the next Wednesday will be Vocations focused; Religious Ed will not meet on January 31st, due to Family Fun Night at school for Catholic Schools Week; Confirmation Retreat put on by the NET Team is on Jan. 17th at St. Mary's; The next confirmation meeting (Feb. 4th) is for candidates, parents and sponsors; 1st Reconciliation (2nd Grade) is on January 21st; NET Lifeline...2 students attended from Sleepy Eye in West St. Paul, Saturday, January 6th. Youth Ministry tried to have a combined group with Springfield & New Ulm for this event.
  3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl did not have any comments
  4. Financial~Matt reported that contributions are going well, and that the budget is doing great. Maintenance-landscaping, new JD tractor & snowblower among other improvements around the school contributed to the \$206,000 that has been spent in the 2023 fiscal year; The Diocese implemented a diocesan wide software change to "ParishSoft" for accounting; A Diocesan Employee Handbook was presented to employees on December 20, 2023. Employees were updated on new laws, benefit changes (personal days) and a new feature that provides employees with a bank of sick time to use, called ESST, among other information.

E. FUTURE AGENDA

1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 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~ 6:06 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer