

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

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:31 p.m. on Tues., March 11, 2025.
1. Prayer...Fr. Craig Timmerman
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Emily Krzmarzick, Dan Braulick, Victor Martinez, Jenny Miller, Jamie Pietig, George Schwint, Peter Roufs, Shelley Roufs, Matt Grausam, Fr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Nathan Hansen  
Absent: none
  3. January & February minutes were approved
  4. March agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Calendar Update...Peter said we are starting to work on the 2025-26 school calendar. Peter will keep in mind the days off to possibly coincide with SEPS (bussing concern in particular). Proposed calendar will be at the next meeting.
  2. Staffing Update...Peter reported that the letters of intent went out today for teachers/staff. The Elementary Librarian and Kitchen positions (Marie Bushard) are open at this time.
  3. Dissolving of coops...NUHS is dissolving all coops and then reinstating with applications the ones with Grades 9-12 participants (Girls and Boys Hockey, Wrestling).  
Dissolving current coops motion...Approved. Reapplication/reinstated motion...Approved.
  4. PSEO/Tuition question...Depending on the number of classes they take, can the tuition cost be reflected in that? Consensus is to keep it as is...SMS tuition would be the same, if students take PSEO classes (on or off campus) or not.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~ Mr. Roufs reported on the successes of our athletes (Girls Basketball, Gymnastics, Wrestling)/academics (Math Counts) this winter; The Large Group Contest will be hosted by St. Mary's Catholic School on March 12th, with nine other schools attending; Registration meeting with parents for grades 8-11 to go over the options (PSEO, Shared-time, etc.) will be on March 26th (2025-26 Class Registration for grades 6-11 will begin mid March); Students will have the opportunity to attend Confession and Stations of the Cross during Lent. We are also collecting donations for San Lucas, Guatemala. There is a donor who will match the donations collected; The end of 3rd Quarter is March 20th. There will be no school on Friday, March 21st (teacher work day) and no bussing on Monday, March 24th. The Career Expo will take place in New Ulm on March 26th, and our 8th and 10th graders will attend; A \$10,000 grant was received from CSCOE to support teacher recruiting, retention and rewards; The Seniors will be on their class trip the first week on April; Grandparents Day will be on April 4th with a shared activity with the Kindergarten-5th graders; Accreditation tasks are moving forward, as our steering committee is now focusing on writing the narrative summaries (from the data that was collected) during weekly meetings.
  2. Religious Education~ Shelley reported that classes are going well and that Confession and Stations of the Cross opportunities during Lent are taking place for the students; The 2nd graders are preparing for their First Communion on May 4th, and the Juniors were confirmed on March 9th, with Bishop LeVoir.
  3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Timmerman stated that the plaster and repair will be focused on now for the Church (does not include organ repairs); Roof repair of the high school (rubber or pitched roof) will be another fundraising task coming soon.
  4. Financial~Matt went over his report. School is doing well, as all is balancing out...expenses/income; Caribbean Knights was another great success.
  5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C members
- E. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
  2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- F. PRAYER
- G. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:21 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer