

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., May 14, 2024
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Jenny Miller, Nikki Fischer, Emily Krzmarzick, George Schwint, Samuel Rosemeier, Fr. Mark Steffl, Fr. Tanner, Peter Roufs
Absent: Dan Braulick, Jamie Pietig, Matt Grausam
 3. April minutes were approved
 4. May agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Staff updates...4th Grade teacher needed (Shelley Roufs will be taking the Religious Ed. position in Samuel Rosemeier's absence); Marie Bushard will stay on at 20 hours/week as Head Cook; Marni Malecek is leaving after this school year (HS English) and Rebecca Visser (Choir/Schola) has resigned. Tami Kober (Paraprofessional) is retiring.
 2. Policy Review...a board member is asked to go through the policies and then review them together with Peter. E & C Committee has the 1st reading in June, and then final approval in August. George Schwint has volunteered to be the reviewer.
 3. MSHSL Membership...each year the board is asked to view the video (a link will be sent out) and then approve it. Marti Schroepfer will serve as the "Clerk" for the document. It was voted and approved to remain a member of the MSHSL. Motion carried.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported about the new "House System" that will take the place of Student Council for Grades 9-12. The goal is to provide more leadership/relationship opportunities and social activities for the different houses that will be set-up, resulting in positive energy throughout the High School. Students will have the opportunity to come up with ideas and participate in activities during the school year. (1 hour per week/3 weeks, 1 ½ hours on the 4th week, and 1 whole day, 3X/year) Faculty is envisioning friendly competition between houses where they can earn points, in which the house with the most points at the end of the year will receive a reward. Each house has 1 Prefect and Two Captains. Houses will be decided by faculty, but families will be in the same house. (Advisers are Mr. Moritz and Mr. Kaminsky); Seniors are on their way...all will graduate on May 26th!; AC/Heating units are in for Field House/Gym along with 5 classrooms and a few offices, but will need to be inspected before use can take place.
 2. Religious Education~ Samuel reported that Religious Ed had their last night on May 8th, and programs all went well. All three locations had much better attendance than last year when closing night was just at St. Mary's. All families received information on activities that are available to be involved in over the summer (Diocesan Camps, TEC, Totus Tuus, Stations of the Cross-New Ulm); There were 42 1st Communicants from our AFC. (St. Paul's-3, St. Michael's-5, St. Mary's-34...22-St. Mary's School, 12-St. Mary's Religious Ed); Youth Ministry has been going well with the group. They are promoting summer activities to students, and hope to have a few family hosted youth group gatherings by the families of the more regular attendees.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that Grandparents Day went well. The Bishop was here to celebrate Mass, along with May Crowning; The school rekeying project and the addition of a few cameras to some doors is planned for the summer. A few more scanner boxes will also be added, so fobs to enter school will be able to be used at multiple doors; Budget was approved. Insurance premiums have gone up substantially, but Fr. Steffl is working on making it more balanced, and affordable; Fr. Steffl is also exploring ideas at St. Raphael's, Springfield to get new families to join the SMS family.
 4. Financial~no report

E. FUTURE AGENDA

1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 11, 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~ 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer