

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., Sept. 12, 2023
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Jenny Miller, Dan Braulick, Nikki Fischer, Sam Rosemeier, George Schwint, Fr. Mark Steffl and Peter Roufs
Absent: Amber Schroepfer, Jamie Pietig, Matt Grausam
 3. August minutes were approved.
 4. September agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ Peter shared an Oklahoma college softball video from an ESPN interview with players,,having joy in Christ Jesus no matter what the outcome is, and keeping Him first, and everything after that second.
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Tomahawk Conference Update...the merge was voted on, and the Tomahawk Conference unanimously agreed to option 2. (Merging with the Valley Conference, to begin in 2024-25, if approved by them.)
 2. Student Concern...was discussed. A suggestion was made to add something to the handbook for different behaviors.
 3. Dress Code Item...shaving rule...mustache's are acceptable, while other facial hair is not. Students may come to the committee, or may not. (They would need to present their position to the faculty first.)
 4. IOwA (Identified Official with Authority)...each year MDE requires a person to oversee the reporting that needs to be sent to them. We send in reports for school lunch, athletics, Title, continuing education, and enrollment. Mr. Roufs accepted this designation with board approval. Motion Carried (via Oct. email vote)
 5. MSHSL Form A ...this allows a small amount of money to be generated from our Free and Reduced numbers. Board approval was obtained to process this. Motion Carried (via Oct. email vote)
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that breakfast & lunch are going well, and is well attended (20-25 Elem./70-80 MS-HS); Rebecca Visser will be going on maternity leave at the end of the month. Her classes (Concert Choir & Schola) will be covered in-house; *October report was emailed to members.*
 2. Religious Education~ Sam reported that all of the volunteer positions have been filled. They have approximately 43 families, and 69 students enrolled. Virtus lessons from the Diocese will be taught on Oct. 4th; Youth Group activities have resumed (Coffee Hour on Mondays & Thursdays after school), and a group night on Wednesday evenings is being planned as well. Promotion of youth events (COR Night, Vianney Visit, Broomtree Retreat) will be taking place too; Confirmation meetings will start Sept. 17th, and an official number of candidates will be determined after the meeting; 1st Reconciliation & Communion meetings will start on Nov 5th. Official numbers for students participating in those events will be known soon; *October report was emailed to members.*
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that the marathon letters are starting to go out, and is a great way for students to connect with the Alumni; The Fine Arts fundraiser (sound board, lighting for Auditorium) is speaking to some that are not heard from for other donation opportunities which is nice to see; Fr. Tanner is teaching 8th grade for a 2nd year, and is seeing the value of his presence in school, and the visualization of his vocation to his students.
 4. Financial~no report
- E. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room (Tues., Oct.10, 2023-meeting was canceled)
 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
- F. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- G. ADJOURNMENT~6:16 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer