

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Social Room at 5:32 p.m. on Tues., January 10th, 2023
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Jenny Miller, Sam Rosemeier, Amber Schroepfer, Randy Sellner and Peter Roufs; Guest: Fr. Tanner Thooft
Absent: Nikki Fischer, Blair Folkens, George Schwint and Matt Grausam
 3. November minutes were approved.
 4. January agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Football Coaches/Cheerleading update...Peter reported that Brent Kucera has been hired as the 2023 Varsity Head Football Coach for Sleepy Eye United. Assistant Football Coaches and Cheerleading Advisor positions have been posted. (The hiring process is split between the two schools-Sleepy Eye Public and St. Mary's, in which each decides a football assistant position.)
 2. Snow Make-Up Days...Peter proposed that Monday, February 20th be a snow day make-up day. (It was on the 2022-23 School Calendar as such. SMS has had 5 snow days to date.) Motion carried.
 3. Lunch price increase...Peter reported that the lunch account has a positive balance, but for it to not get in the red, recommended a \$0.35 cent increase (starting February 2023) per recommendations received from the Cafeteria Manager. Motion carried.
 4. Staffing Update...Peter reported that there will be two high school staff retiring after this school year. He received a letter from a couple that was inquiring about any positions open. The couple was a perfect fit for the positions that are needed, and were offered the positions. He is waiting for their contracts to be returned for a more official announcement. Also, Mike Suess has been hired as Maintenance Supervisor (32 hours per week) as of November 2022.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that the After Prom Committee will be doing the Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28-Feb. 3rd) Family Fun Night (Feb. 1st) meal; The \$50,000 grant from the Schulze Foundation has been used to purchase many items to support the expanded learning program for the next couple of years; The end of 2nd Qtr/1st Semester is on Jan. 19th, with the start of 2nd Sem/3rd Qtr. on Jan. 23rd; The SMS families will participate in the CUF Raffle from Jan. 13th-Feb. 26th. The drawing is on March 9th; The January virtue of the month is Fidelity: Being Faithful to Promises and Commitments.
 2. Religious Education~ Samuel reported that the start-up of Religious Ed was delayed due to the weather, and the first day will now be Jan. 11th, with the topic of vocations. The topic on Jan. 18th will be pro-life; A few students attended the Confirmation Retreat at St. Anne's in Wabasso on Nov. 13th, as they could not attend the one scheduled earlier on Oct. 1st. (The same NET team facilitated the event.) The next Parent-Candidate meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15th at 2:00 PM in the St. Mary's Church Social Room; AFC First Reconciliation (2nd Grade) will be Jan. 22nd; Diocesan COR Night (Dec. 11th) was attended by 9 students from Sleepy Eye (8-Middle School, 1-High School). Speaker was Bishop Zielinski.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl asked about the cell phone policy at school. Students may use their phone at morning break, between classes and "Phone Friday"-(High School only). If a HS student is caught with their phone in class, it is then taken to the office and for the next 5 days, must remain in the office during the day; Middle School must keep their cell phones in their lockers and Elementary are to not have cell phones during the day; The school elevator project is progressing along. Most of the funds are raised, and with a shaft adjustment that will be needed, it is a process and will take some time to complete. Contact has been signed, and the start date is TBD.
 4. Financial~no report
 5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C Members~School Doors-a question was asked if the Gym door could be left open and the interior doors on a locked program to allow students who get dropped off early to go inside if it is cold outside. Policy states to parents that school doors open at 7:30 AM. Sometimes the office is open earlier than 7:30 AM, but students would need to be buzzed in. To keep the building secure, it is best to keep to what is set and for parents to adhere to the policy.

D. FUTURE AGENDA

1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room

2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.

F. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer