

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:03 p.m. on Tues., March 14, 2023
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Nikki Fischer, Blair Folkens, Jenny Miller, Amber Schroepfer, George Schwint, Randy Sellner, Matt Grausam and Peter Roufs
Guest: Fr. Tanner Thooft
Absent: Sam Rosemeier
 3. February minutes were approved.
 4. March agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. One Act Play...Peter sought approval for a coop with SEPS for One Act Play, a MSHSL activity that takes place in Winter for grades 7-12. (Competition is in February.) Peter will look to see if there is any interest among the student body when the time comes.
Mrs. Pelzel, SMS Musical Director is ok with the activity option. Motion carried.
 2. 2023-24 Calendar Approval...Peter handed out a copy of the proposed calendar for next school year. Knowing that some dates will be added, Motion carried.
 3. Staffing update...Peter reported that Mrs. Derrickson's (Elem. & MS Choir) job has been posted. It is a .8 position; Letter of Intent for 2023-24 will go out to the staff mid-April.
 4. Tomahawk Conference Discussion...Peter reported that the Tomahawk Conference is talking about realigning, due to the changing enrollment sizes in various schools. He will keep the committee up to date on any future developments. The Tomahawk Conference is in consultation with the MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League).
 5. Senior Class Trip Discussion...Peter reported that this year's trip came with the most challenges as it had in years. Increased costs, fundraising debacle, and a few students dropping out the last day were reasons why it was brought to the board to discuss the future of having a senior class trip.
Board members mostly agreed that having the experience was a good one, so it will be left up to the students next year. (70% of the class needs to commit with a \$100.00 deposit for the class to go.)
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that the Catholic United fundraiser raffle went well. (SMS made over \$12,000.); Kindergarten Round-up is Thursday, March 16th. (Rescheduled to Tuesday, March 21st. as of this writing.)
 2. Religious Education~ Fr. Steffl read Samuel's report.
Ash Wednesday Mass did not have many in attendance due to the weather. (Mass replaced classes for the evening.); Confessions for Gr. 2-10 were on March 1st, and Gr. 11 had theirs on March 11th; Stations of the Cross are scheduled for March 15th for the 1st part of the evening; Confirmation was held on Sunday, March 12th. 28 students in the AFC received the sacrament. All received a "Spiritual Toolbox" from the parish and other gifts from the KC's & CCW; 1st Communion meetings are in progress (next one is April 2nd) & interviews will take place April 26-27; Youth Ministry's COR night (Feb. 26th) went well. All had a positive experience; The Broomtree Retreat (March 17-19th) has two students attending. Hopefully, with more exposure to what the retreat is about, more students will attend in the future.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that the Annual Appeal is doing well. The goal is 175,000 with \$100,500 being raised so far; The school elevator is moving upward, as they are working on the installation at this time; The 150th Anniversary will be on the Parish Festival weekend in 2026; The Confirmation Retreat has been scheduled for January 17, 2024.
 4. Financial~(HANDOUT) Matt reported that things are going well. The health insurance transition was good with six additional staff members enrolling. (The cost savings was \$1000.00 less than Preferred One.); Adopt-A-Student is paid off (first time since he started as Business Manager). Sunday offertory is going well too. St. Mary's is so appreciative of all its donors!; The budget was handed out, and he believed it to be a "good, realistic one". It included a Maintenance Director's salary, an 8% increase in salaries, and 3% increase in K-12 tuition (keeping the \$10,000 cap); There is a lunch bill in the MN House & Senate that if passed will provide free lunch for 2 years, starting this Fall, 2023-24.

D. FUTURE AGENDA

1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 18th 2023, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room

2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.

F. ADJOURNMENT~ 5:51 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer