

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

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:02 p.m. on Tues., May 9, 2023
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Nikki Fischer, Blair Folkens, Jenny Miller, Amber Schroeffer, Randy Sellner and Peter Roufs; Guest: Fr. Tanner Thooft  
Absent: Sam Rosemeier, George Schwint, Matt Grausam
  3. April minutes were approved.
  4. May agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. E & C Membership...Peter contacted a couple of parents, and was waiting on their reply.
  2. Staffing Update...Anita Schwartz has accepted the Elem. Resource Teacher/Part Time in 2023-24. Alexa Owens was interviewed and accepted the 1st Grade teaching position for 2023-24; School Nurse & Elementary Music/Middle School Choir positions are being worked on. (A person for each has been approached.); Mary Kate Larsen is resigning from the kitchen cook position at the end of this school year.
  3. Policy Review...Randy and Peter will review the E & C Policies, and will then send them out to the board members to review before the 1st reading in early June.
  4. Conference Realignment...MVL will be in the conference one more year. Lester Prairie requested to be a part of the conference. BOLD, RRC, Mountain Lake reached out to the conference to state their interest, with Mountain Lake now deciding to decline; The Valley Conference also reached out and is proposing a "Super Conference". The E & C Committee will be updated after the next Activities Directors meeting as to what decisions were made, and who will be in what conference.
  5. Cheerleading...the co-op with SEPS for Football will begin in the Fall of 2023. Cheerleading will have 14 participants (each school with 7 cheerleaders); There was much discussion after a great number of cheerleaders tried out (SEPS-23, and SMS-6). The cheer squad will include 6 from SMS and 8 from SEPS...as one school can fill the last position if one school cannot.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter brought up that many families went on vacations this year outside of current set school breaks. The idea of spring break was expressed, but it was decided to not move forward, as families would go when they want.
  2. Religious Education~ Fr. Steffl reported in Samuel's absence. The last evening of Religious Ed was May 3rd; 1st Communion was celebrated on May 7th, with 28 students receiving the sacrament; Totus Tuus is being planned, and will take place June 5-8, 2023; The ValleyFair Server trip will be on June 21st;
  3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that he would again like to offer adult education in the future; The Carribean Knight fundraiser was a great success once again, and had many generous supporters of St. Mary's School. The Rosary procession went well, as there was a good turn-out with all the other activities going on over the May 6th weekend;
  4. Financial~no report
  5. Other...Randy commented that as to notifications for sports, if there could be one main avenue to get in contact with the parents, such as the Remind app, and not Facebook, etc.; There was also a concern about security by the school/dumpster door.
- D. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 13th 2023, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
  2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
- E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- F. ADJOURNMENT~ 5:36 PM
- Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroeffer