

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Social Room at 5:30 p.m. on Tues., November 15th, 2022
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Nikki Fischer, Blair Folkens, Jenny Miller, Sam Rosemeier, Amber Schroepfer, George Schwint, Randy Sellner, Matt Grausam and Peter Roufs; Guest: Fr. Tanner Thooft
 3. October minutes were approved.
 4. November agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ Fr. Steffl brought cookies to share.
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Elementary Counseling... Peter reported that Chris Davis (Family Counselor from New Ulm) will be able to service Grades K-6 after Thanksgiving break, 3 hours/week. Funds are available to provide this service until September of 2024. Motion carried.
 2. Football Coaching positions... Peter reported that the Varsity Football Head Coaching position has been posted, and will be open until Nov. 27th. A committee (5 members from each school-SEPS & SMS) will be doing the interviews.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that the staff retreat on Nov. 4th went well at the Handmaids Convent in New Ulm; At the CSCOE Workshop for Principals, another opportunity was received (Impact Grant) to receive \$10,000 for ideas related to excellence or increased enrollment; Sleepy Eye Police Chief Andres and Officer Bohnen will meet with students in grades 6-12 on Nov. 18th to talk about social media, lock downs and driving; Marathon goal was achieved, so on Dec. 22nd there will be no school.
 2. Religious Education~ Samuel reported that at the Confirmation Parent Meeting, some suggested maybe meeting at another time. A survey went out, and with the ones that reported back, the meeting time will remain at 2:00 PM on Sundays. It was also suggested that at the 1st meeting, that if only agendas were to be handed out, and just particulars covered, that possibly that information could be given to the students at school or Rel.Ed, so that meeting would not be needed; The 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting was Sunday, Nov. 6th. They will be using the *Forgiven* series (3 videos) at the meetings. Another survey about meeting time was taken...meetings will remain at 2:00 PM on Sundays; Youth Group (Middle & High School) has been going well, with different students attending (athletes, academic, faith driven). Fr. Tanner and Samuel would like to use the time as a tool to introduce students to COR Nights, Youth Rallies, Totus Tuus, Vianney visits, etc.; Puffins fundraiser is complete, with an estimated profit of \$2505.00 for the Religious Ed program; Virtus lessons were covered on Oct. 5th (two students will need to do make-up lessons); The Tim Francis speaker was not as well attended as hoped for, even though it was a required event; The Confirmation Retreat with the NET Team was held on Oct. 1st. Those that could not attend, will be attending a retreat at St. Anne's in Wabasso on Nov. 30th.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that the billboard on the side of the Nex-Tu-Nu II building will be going up soon; Knights of Olde will be meeting in the Twin Cities in December; Caribbean Knight Party will be May 6, 2023; There was a request for a coat rack in the North Entrance of Church; The E & C Meeting for February will be moved from the 14th to the 21st.
 4. Financial~Matt reported that the budget is going well (handout); New medical insurance (Diocesan-wide) will be offered to staff starting January 2023. It is Blue Cross Blue Shield, and is open to any staff member that works 20+ hours a week.
 5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C Members~Frontline Worker pay-a question was asked as to how many took the opportunity to receive this pay. Matt reported that he had sent out the information to staff. No numbers are known of who took the opportunity.
- D. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Dec 13th, 2022, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Rm-TBD (If there is an Agenda item that needs to be covered, there will be a meeting, otherwise, it will be canceled.)
 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- F. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:09 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer