

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., September 6th, 2022
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Jenny Miller, Sam Rosemeier, Amber Schroepfer, George Schwint, Randy Sellner and Peter Roufs;
Absent: Blair Folkens, Nikki Fischer, Matt Grausam
 3. August minutes were approved.
 4. September agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ None
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. PE/Health Credit for 9th & 10th graders... Peter recapped a proposal to have the High School PE/Health requirement similar to public schools. The health curriculum would be combined into one year in 9th grade, along with PE, and 10th grade PE would be an elective (1 credit, all year). A curriculum meeting on Sept. 8th would present this option and then if approved, would be implemented in 2023-2024.
 2. E & C members goals... TABLED until October meeting; Some examples were mentioned.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter spoke about Dr. Nolan's upcoming visit to school and her *Peace of Mind* presentations to different grade levels, staff & parents; Project *Lead the Way*/STEM Program was brought up to promote technical jobs/skills. It is put on by the New Ulm Business Resource Innovation Center, and a few of the SMS staff will attend a workshop on Sept. 20th to get more information; Bishop Zielinski's installation will be on Tuesday, Sept. 27th and there will be no school that day, as the Field House and other areas will be used throughout the day; Enrollment is steady at 263 students, K-12.
 2. Religious Education~ Samuel reported that the 1st night will be Wednesday, Sept. 7th, and all positions have been filled; First Communion/Reconciliation student number is at 30 (21 from SMS), and the Confirmation student number is at 29 (17 from SMS). The confirmation student/parent meeting is on Sept. 11th (1st of 5 meetings). The Confirmation retreat is set for Saturday, Oct. 1st, and will be led by the NET team in St. Mary's Church & Social Room. If students have conflicts, other options will be made available to them to attend another retreat put on by the Diocese in area parishes.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that insurance will be made available through Blue Cross Blue Shield to staff, diocesan-wide, starting in January 2023; Youth Group Meetings will be held on Mondays & Fridays from 3:15-4:15 PM for those in grades 7-12 in the small social room of St. Mary's Church, starting Sept. 8th. They are hoping to cater to the MS & HS and boys & girls separately (girls-teacher from SMS; boys-Fr. Tanner & Samuel Rosemeier); The sign at Nex-Tu-Nu II is being worked on; 8th Grade Theology will be taught by Fr. Tanner & Mr. Kaminsky, switching sections mid-year; RCIA-one person has inquired about the program.
 4. Financial~none
 5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C Members~proposal to have handicapped accessibility to the visitors side of the football field.
- D. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Rm
 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- F. ADJOURNMENT~ 5:59 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer