

## 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., Jan. 18th, 2022
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer.
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Blair Folkens, Adam Armbruster, Randy Sellner, Jenny Miller, Dan Davis, and Peter Roufs;  
Absent: Nikki Fischer, George Schwint, Matt Grausam
  3. December minutes were approved.
  4. January agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Prom~with the Junior & Senior class numbers being uneven, prom has been opened up to include the Sophomore boys (who can be asked, but are not to ask Junior/Senior girls).
  2. Football Update~members of the E & C Committee (Peter, Adam, Blair) and Bruce Woitas, SMS Activities Director will be attending a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 19th with SEPS about the next steps in the co-op. Junior High football will combine Fall of 2022, and then the High School in 2023.
  3. Accreditation Committee (new families)~a committee has been formed to provide new families with an orientation to provide them with information about St. Mary's School and the background items (clothing/uniforms, fundraisers, CSW, tuition aids, etc.) that they would find beneficial. E & C Board member, Sara Nosbush volunteered to be on the committee (short term position).
  4. COVID Update~Elementary-1; High School-5; Staff-1;  
Laurie Tauer, School Nurse is the recipient of a Minnesota Department of Health COVID grant that will allow her to work at school an additional 3 hours per day for the remaining of the school year..
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that Marni Malecek (English 9-12) has taken over for Abeni Docter, and is doing well; The CUF (Catholic United Financial) Raffle has begun and will continue through February. The school goal is \$15,000 that will support the general budget. Students & Staff may be volunteering to sell tickets for the raffle after some upcoming weekend masses.
  2. Religious Education~Dan reported that the first evening back for Religious Ed. was on Jan. 5th. Attendance has been great (as not too many have been missing because of COVID). Last week the Religious Ed night was focused on vocations awareness. This week the focus is pro-life. Feb. 2nd (Catholic Schools Week) will be a night off, as it is Family Fun Night; Confirmation meeting was held last Sunday, Jan. 16th, with one more meeting on Feb. 13th. 1st Reconciliation (2nd Grade) is this Sunday, Jan. 22nd.
  3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl shared the Diocese of New Ulm report on schools in the diocese (report was emailed to E & C members), and noted that Springfield's number of students had gone up significantly; The Shulze Foundation made the following observations: 1) Tuition-why are there two rates, one for parishioners, and one for non-parishioners?; 2) Tuition cap for larger families; 3) Tuition increases/jumps between grade levels (K, 1-2, 3-4, 5, 6, 7-8, 9, 10-12)-why so many?; Fr. Steffl would like to convey that all families that would like a Catholic education for their children would be able to come and not be limited because of funds, or any other reasons.
  4. Financial~no report
  5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C Members~none
- D. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 8th, 2022, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Social Room
  2. Tuition-financial considerations
- E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- F. ADJOURNMENT~6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroefer