

## 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., Dec. 14th, 2021
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. November minutes were approved.
  4. December agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Covid Update~zero staff/students as of today
  2. Grant Update~the \$25,000 has been met and actually came in over the amount needed for the matching grant; The grant required "new funds" and it was a major push that Chris Heiderscheidt helped with by drafting a letter to alumni. The grant will make an impact that will affect the Elementary directly. The total \$50,000 grant funds are earmarked for: Resource Room \$5,000; Outdoor Classroom \$5,000; Enrichment Program \$40,000 (1 theme a semester, hopefully starting Spring 2022: Ex. Flight/Kites/Drones/tours of a plane);
  3. Staffing Update~Mrs. Abeni Docter (High School English instructor) is leaving at the end of December 2021. There were three applicants and Marni Malecek was hired for the position; Mrs. Jennifer Fischer (MS/HS Math instructor) will be on maternity leave in March 2022. St. Mary's School staff (Rachel Moldan, Rick Peters) will fill in through the end of the school year; Marie Bushard (Head Cook) is feeling better. Mary Gangelhoff & Debbie Fischer have been stepping in to help.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~*Elf the Musical* production went very well, and Mr. Roufs is proud of all who were involved in its success; Jason Evert, who spoke at New Ulm Cathedral High School on chastity was very good. St. Mary's students (Gr. 7-12) went over to hear the talk; The Elementary Christmas play & MS/HS Christmas Concert were wonderful. Mr. Roufs complimented Bethany Derrickson & Sean Connolly for the writing of the script and music for the play respectively.
  2. Religious Education~Religious Ed students in grades 7-11 went to Jason Evert's talk in Springfield-students were reverent and it was a very good evening; The last night for Religious Ed for Dec. will be on the 15th. (Classes will resume on Jan. 5th); Confirmation students had their retreat in November in Olivia, MN, and it went well; Meetings with the 2nd graders (Confession/Eucharist) and the Juniors (Confirmation) are ongoing to prepare them for those sacraments.
  3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl was very pleased to share that a couple of sizable gifts came in for the school staff that provided for a Christmas bonus; Funds for the school elevator project are at \$38,000 of \$150,000 that is needed; A second collection to help with the Diocesan \$50,000 matching grant will be instituted; Environmental Science class study has been looking into how the grass clippings that go into to slough behind the school affect the lake; Catholic Schools Week is coming up at the end of January.
  4. Financial~no report
  5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C Members~none
- D. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 2022, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Social Room
- E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- F. ADJOURNMENT~5:58 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer