

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Blair Folkens in the St. Mary's Social Room at 5:32 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 9th, 2021
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer.
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Blair Folkens, Adam Armbruster, George Schwint, Randy Sellner, Nikki Fischer, Jenny Miller, Dan Davis, Matt Grausam and Peter Roufs; Absent: none
 3. September minutes were approved.
 4. November agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. MSHSL Form A ~ Peter read through and noted that money was given back for 4 students that qualified for Free/Reduced lunch.
 2. Staffing - English Teacher and Kitchen Staff~Mrs. Doctor is resigning at the end of December, position has been posted. Marie Bushard is out on medical leave. Mary Kate Larsen has been stepping in as head cook. Debbie Fischer is helping 3 days, and Mary Gangelhoff, 2 days a week. (Catering that Marie had scheduled for will be honored, but no new jobs at this time.)
 3. Challenge Grant Update~St. Mary's Elementary has been approved to participate. A letter has been posted in the Alumni newsletter (Recall). "New" money is needed...could give in the name of a business if person has already given, or on the part someone else's name. The matching grant is up to \$25,000.
 4. Covid Update~four students are positive for COVID in the Elementary; Families have been supportive of keeping their children home when sick. (SEPS has been doing vaccines for students, but not SMS at this time.)
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Marathon totals so far for the Elementary are \$39,000 and the MS/HS \$42,000+. There are still 10 students that will need to donate a minimum of \$25.00 to receive the marathon free day on Dec. 22nd; The school year is going well...everyone appreciates the "normalcy".
 2. Religious Education~the Puffins fundraiser is complete. It generated over \$3500.00 for Religious Ed.; Dec. 8th Mass for Rel. Ed students; No Religious Ed on Nov. 24th; Jason Evert speaker at Springfield is mandatory for Rel. Ed students in grades 7-11. Anyone interested in attending may do so. (SMS is attending his talk on Dec. 2nd.); Confirmation Retreat, Nov. 14th at St. Aloysius, Olivia, MN; 1st Communion (Parent Only) Meeting -Dec. 5th
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Mary education program offered to parishioners, has finished-up *This Man is You* is going well; There are no RCIA candidates this year.
 4. Financial~Matt went over the report and noted that 6 families paid full tuition-this is the most collected with the statement of intent; Athletic card fundraiser raised \$3000.00 (up from the last 3 years); Venmo has been added as a payment option. (Younger generation likes this option. There is a fee associated with using it that the person sending the payment pays now. Eventually, it will be paid by the school.
 5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C Members~Building updates-waiting for Klossner for the heating coil for the gym; Night of Knights-Sat. Nov. 13th (this fundraiser subsidizes the faculty/staff salaries). The E & C Board was invited to attend; The Fall sports season (Football/Volleyball) was great...nice to keep people's mind off the pandemic. Attendance was up, and the Booster Club had great activities planned, (BWW one FB game);
- D. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 2021, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Social Room
- E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- F. ADJOURNMENT~5:59 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer