ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. Called to order by Emily Krzmarzick in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:33 PM, Tues., Aug. 11, 2026
   1. Prayer ~ Fr. Craig Timmerman led prayer
   2. Roll call ~ Present: Dan Braulick, Emily Krzmarzick, Victor Martinez, Amanda Murphy, Matt Wagner, Peter Roufs, Matt Grausam, Fr. Craig Timmerman
      Absent: George Schwint, Jamie Pietig
   3. May minutes were approved (*June…there was no meeting/minutes.*)
   4. August agenda was approved

B. ENRICHMENT ~ none

C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
   1. Mission and Philosophy…was reviewed during the orientation process
   2. Membership guidelines and confidentiality form…E & C members reviewed and asked about the minutes on the website. They are posted on the www.sesmschool.com site, under "About" and "Evangelization and Catechesis Committee".
   3. Election of officers…Chair-George Schwint, Vice Chair-Matt Wagner, Secretary-Emily Krzmarzick. All motioned and approved.
   4. MNSAA goals and updates…accreditation took place this last year. Goals were presented for 2026-27, including: 1) Evaluate the study hall (Knight time) system, and implement any changes identified by students or staff to improve it. 2) Create a college and career road map to encourage students to make self-directed decisions. 3) Create a formal process for identifying, assessing and prescribing services for individual students' needs.
   5. Staffing updates…Cheyenne Runck-PreK3 and PreK4 PM; Beth Steffl-Kindergarten; Rachel Sickler-4th grade; Math & Religion split with current teacher and Karri Hoffmann for 2nd & 4th grade; Ross Hebel-High School Science; Sr. Mary Grace-High School Theology; CGS-Sr. Mary Angela & Shelley Roufs-grades PK, Kindergarten; Long term subs…Jonathan Ceplecha for Mrs. Docter, Sheila Forster for Mrs. Rothemeier; Rebecca Rothmeier-Head Cook (Marie will remain part-time); Varsity Volleyball Head Coach-Crissi Mangen; Musical Director-Michael Koester. Mike Suess, Maintenance was full-time with the projects at SMS, (off from Divine Providence)
   6. Building updates…3 classrooms (Kindergarten, 2nd grade, MS/HS Science) were updated; High School Roof and the sealing of the Middle School foundation opposite the football field was completed; Cabinets from the GFW school closing were placed in Elementary classrooms along with sinks.
   7. Cooperative Sports…NUHS coop (Wrestling, Boys/Girls Hockey) additional expense assessed in the amount of $1500.00/sport.

D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
   1. School~Mr. Roufs reported that work continues on the PreK Licensure. Tiffany Hoffmann and CSCOE have been instrumental in the process; Many building projects from this; Bell System is not repairable. The PA system is due to be installed before school starts; Phone system will also be looked at, and will be combined with the PA at a later time-TBD; The Booster Club held a used uniform sale, and with free will donations, proceeds were $900.00. The Club also sponsored a pool party for all families August 19th at the SE Aquatic Center; A number of new families were enrolled this year. Thank you to Deanna Schwint for her marketing efforts, attending summer activities to promote SMS, and giving tours; Some new class offerings include a Strength & Conditioning, College Algebra (prep-CLEP), Internship program for Juniors/Seniors and an adjusting Choir class; Students continue to score above the National Averages on the NWEA (K-8) and ACT testing mediums; Thank you to Chris Heiderscheidt for all her work on the All-School Reunion, Alumni Relations and Development, esp. With the Annual Appeal. Welcome to Samantha Armbruster who started as a board member, and thank you to Jenny Miller, who was finished with her terms. All the work and time are appreciated!
   2. Religious Education~Amanda reported that she has been getting associated with all the particulars involved with her DRE position; Classes begin on Sept. 9th; At this time, only one teacher is needed for 4th grade; All families were sent registration information, and announcements were placed in the bulletin for reminders.

3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Timmerman thanked Chris Heiderscheidt for her work and success of the Annual Appeal…exceeding the goal!; Youth Ministry team (Kevin Losleben stepped down) Fr. Hansen, Fr. Timmerman, Zach & Maryanne Koralewski, Lauren Steffl, Joseph Docksey, Sam Rosemeier; He would like to encourage students to share their faith…inspired by Fr. Shea's talk (Ex. Seniors led 8th grade retreat last year), by volunteering roles/bible studies (during or after school) in different teams…girls/boys/volleyball or football team; He attended the Amazing Parish Conference-they would be working with us to create a leadership team that develops a culture to shape our parish community.
4. Financial~Matt shared a consolidated budget review. Some highlights include highest sales ever at Nex-Tu-Nu, and an increase in adult support;

E. FUTURE AGENDA

1. MEETING DATE: (Tuesday, September 8, 2026 was CANCELED)
   Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026, 5:30 PM
   St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

F. PRAYER~ Fr. Craig Timmerman led prayer.

G. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:42 PM Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer