

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:37 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 8, 2024 (*Quorum was not met, so approval of action items was completed by email response with numbers needed to pass.*)
1. Prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Jenny Miller, George Schwint, Peter Roufs, Shelley Roufs, Absent: Emily Krzmarzick, Dan Braulick, Victor Martinez, Jamie Pietig, Fr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Nathan Hansen, Matt Grausam
 3. September minutes were approved (*Motion carried by email 10-11-24*)
 4. October agenda was tabled.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Possible Prom Date Change...some students proposed moving the prom date due to conflicts with students attending other proms on the April 27th date that St. Mary's Prom is scheduled. The board supported keeping the date as is due to the conflicts that would occur on the alternate date that was proposed.
 2. IoWA approval...Peter Roufs asked for approval as our IoWA (Individual With Authority) for reporting to the Minnesota Department of Education. (*Motion carried by email 10-11-24*)
 3. Other...The Minnesota High School League is proposing that their governance reaches grades 9 - 12. (Presently it is grades 10 -12.) This will cause very little change for us but will benefit the 9th graders falling under catastrophic insurance, which at this point does not exist for them. It would also affect the MSHSL class divisions, as 9th grade would be counted in. (*Motion carried by email 10-11-24*)
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~ Mr. Roufs spoke about the above action items; His report listed October highlights, such as congratulating the Homecoming Court, the Governor's Pheasant opener (5th & 6th graders attended a presentation at SEPS Oct. 11th), and other field trips that classes went on, or are planned (Holy Day field trip, Grades 4 & 5; Jeffers Petroglyphs, Grade 6; Fire Station-Kindergarten; OJT Business Tour-10th Grade; SDSU Cadaver Lab Tour); NWEA testing for Fall is complete for the Middle School. Math & Language Arts scores were very good; Educational Consultant, Ben Tierney was at school Oct. 9th & 10th to review our Language Arts curriculum, and provide guidance throughout the year; The Diocesan Workshop will be held on Oct. 25th for SMS teachers. Students will have no school that day, as well as the upcoming MEA break, Oct. 17th & 18th. The end of 1st quarter is November 1st, and there will be no school on Monday, November 4th (teacher workshop); The High School students will have a review of the ALICE drill Oct. 11th. Sleepy Eye police officers will come to talk about the different strategies, and what drills are required to complete each year; The school's food program will be reviewed by MDE this Fall. It is to certify our program to remain in the USDA program. A donation from David & Angie Tauer will provide beef for our students' cafeteria meals. Hopefully, this can be promoted with other area farmers; Peter attended a MinnDependent School Leaders conference in Brainerd Oct. 1st & 2nd; The month's virtue is Reverence...showing your deepest respect for things of God.
 2. Religious Education~ Shelley's report noted that all teaching positions have been filled. The Virtus lessons are being completed this week and pro-life materials are being presented in each class during October. The annual Pastry Puffin fundraiser will begin later this month.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~none
 4. Financial~none
- E. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- F. PRAYER
- G. ADJOURNMENT~ 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroepfer