

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:31 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 10, 2024
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Craig Timmerman led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Jenny Miller, Emily Krzmarzick, Victor Martinez, Jamie Pietig, Peter Roufs, Shelley Roufs, Fr. Craig Timmerman, Fr. Nathan Hansen
Absent: George Schwint, Dan Braulick, Matt Grausam
 3. August minutes were approved
 4. September agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Self Study Committees...Due to it being a "self-study" year for accreditation, there are going to be seven standards that will be looked over by sub-committees made up of faculty and a board member. Standards were volunteered or assigned as follows:
 - a. Mission & Philosophy - Sara
 - b. Teaching & Learning – Victor
 - c. Climate for Learning – Jenny
 - d. Communication & Relationships – Jamie
 - e. Personnel - Emily
 - f. Leadership & Governance - George
 - g. School Strategic Plan – Dan
 2. School Nurse Update...Bethany Krzmarzick has accepted the school nurse position. This will be a part time (11 hours per week) position. We are completing the necessary paperwork. We're waiting for the SE Public School Board to approve this (necessary as this money comes through the state and goes through public's books). Bethany will be starting Monday and past school nurse, Laurie Tauer has agreed to also come to help with some of the training.
 3. Other...A question about the school lunch milk came up. Students are being served lactose free milk, and they're not liking/drinking it. Mr. Roufs clarified that the day before school started, Prairie Farms delivered lactose free and 1% milk. Apparently this was a corporate decision at Prairie Farms. We have a contract with Prairie Farms and now are serving skim milk, which is not lactose-free.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~ Mr. Roufs gave the board his report. He reported that the school year is off to a great start and lots of positive energy. This is the first 5 day week this school year so kids are getting into their new routines. Enrollment is at 263 for K-12, which is up from 256 last year. No additional comments or questions regarding the report.
 2. Religious Education~ Shelley reported that classes began on Sept 4. She's still looking for a 5th grade teacher and is open to any ideas on how to fill that. Confirmation parent/candidate meeting is Sunday, September 15 at 11:00 AM. There are 38 confirmation candidates in the AFC (27 from St. Mary's parish).
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Timmerman reported that last week he visited the junior and senior classes. He will be teaching them on most Thursdays. Fr. Hansen will be meeting with the 8th and 10th graders. Last week they did one class in the religious ed program. They will try to get into the different classes as the year goes on.
 4. Financial~none
 5. Other items~Discussion on if we would consider doing picture day during open house. Mr. Roufs will look into this. Another discussion was on if any of the seniors could teach the 5th grade religious ed class.
- E. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
- F. PRAYER~ Fr. Nathan Hansen led prayer.
- G. ADJOURNMENT~ 5:59PM