

## **St. Joseph School Executive Board Meeting – October 17, 2023**

**Opening Prayer** – Fr. Adam

**Attendance** – Fr. Adam, Jerry Van Dyke, Emily Hagen, Lisa Leach, Laura Smith

**Approval of Minutes (April and September)** – Laura Smith motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Emily Hagen

**Pastor's Report** – A new Business Administrator has been hired starting Nov. 6. Stephanie Schissel has joined the Youth Ministry role part-time for the parish cluster. Fr. Adam also discussed unpacking Bishop Powers' Pastoral Letter on mission to evangelize and figuring out how that will look as it's rolled out into our parishes.

### **School Report –**

Continuation of discussion on classroom space options. Jerry contacted the Rice Lake school district to inquire about Lincoln school (housing Boys and Girls Club) and has not received any response yet. Fr. Isaiah met with the pastor of the Episcopal church across the street and is working on opening up dialogue about sharing space.

WRISA Accreditation site visit scheduled for Feb. 6-8, 2024. Dinner with the site visit team, school executive board, and school staff will be at 5PM on Feb 6.

Executive Board Training on Roles and Responsibilities will be presented at the November Board meeting (Nov. 14) by Peggy Schoenfuss, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Superior

Opportunities for spiritual growth for students:

Eucharistic Revival Mass and Adoration (SJE) – Sept 20

Grade level retreats for middle school students – Sept and Oct [St. Joe's (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Camp Philips (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Holy Trinity (7<sup>th</sup> grade), OLOL (8<sup>th</sup> grade)]

Fr. Isaiah's bi-weekly classroom visits – ongoing

All School Rosary – Oct 19 & Nov 2

Eucharistic Revival and Adoration (SJ) – Nov 15

Bible Study for 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys/girls – ongoing on Fridays

We discussed kicking off the school year by rotating mass at the various cluster parishes each year

School garden updates: Emily is in the process of securing raised beds. Vision is to find a retired parishioner/master gardener to take charge, rotate classes through with planting and weeding/harvesting during the summer. Emily to work on soliciting volunteer(s). Emily and Pete to work on grant.

Jerry received confirmation of a Rice Lake Celebrity Classic Foundation grant to SJS to support development of pickle ball within the physical education curriculum. Amount of award unknown yet, asked for \$800.

**Financial Report** – none at this time

**PR/Marketing/Advancement** – Christmas Tree Sales will occur if there are enough trees available to make it profitable. The Knights of Columbus will not be helping this year.

Gala – Auction items are coming in and available for preview

Service Projects – Spring cleanup at the church cemeteries; 8<sup>th</sup> grade to spearhead asking for donations for the de la O family fundraiser being held at the KC Hall this weekend. The Spanish community is asking for monetary donations for the family as they are experiencing health issues and unemployment. Also discussed idea of each grade having a designated service project that would repeat annually. Discussed cards for seniors/involvement with nursing homes, ideas of ways to give to community members receiving Thanksgiving Day meals (table decoration, etc.)

Marketing – 6<sup>th</sup> grade retreat featured in the Chronotype/Social Media

**Closing Prayer** – Fr. Adam

**Next meeting - November 14, 2023**