

St. Mary School Utilization Meeting

Notes

October 26, 2022

5:00 PM

Attendees: Helen Glandon, Fr. Sean Bonner, Yanira Duque, Mike Hurley, Barb Smith, Rose Ann Boguslawski, Talana Butler, Albert Damitio

Discussion:

The following information items were available for attendees:

- Michigan Charter Schools – Questions & Answers
- List of Public-School Academy Authorizers
- Ivywood Classical Academy – General School Information
- Hillsdale College – A Brief Introduction to K-12 Programs
- State of Michigan Presentation – How to Start a Charter School

Smith contacted KinderCare about a possible Pre-school Program. They will get back to her with her once their Program proposal is approved internally.

Damitio contacted St. Thomas the Apostle concerning how they are using their school building. They are not looking for a charter school. They are using their school building for religious formation, blanket ministry, storage for their food pantry, polish dancers, Knights of Columbus and room rentals.

Boguslawski will obtain the rental policies from Sts. Simon & Jude Parish.

Everyone expressed their opinion about pursuing forming a charter school committee. There seemed to be consensus that using the building as a school was the best alternative but currently, we do not have enough support to form an independent charter school committee. It was suggested that we need to decide about a charter school and that surveying St. Mary parishioners was needed. The survey needs to include at least these 2 questions.

- Who would be interested in being involved with a charter school?
- Who would send their children to a free charter school at St. Mary?

Mike Hurley, Helen Glandon and Yanira Duque are willing to speak at mass about a charter school survey.

A letter for the parishioners needs to be drafted about forming an exploratory committee to establish a charter school.

A final decision date of March 1, 2023 was established.

Letter completion by end of November, 2022.

Presentations at masses December 3rd & 4th, 2022.

Parish Discussions held in January & February 2023.

Next School Utilization Committee Meeting is Wednesday, **November 30, 2022.**

Notes Summarized by Albert Damitio

October 28, 2022