**St. Maria Goretti Parish**

**Pastoral Council Minutes**

February 3, 2016

**Members present**: Father Brownholtz, Deacon Peter Niche, Douglas Smith, Janna Kerr, Dave Mazeroski, Kim Staudt, Phi Vu, Maria Richardson, Cheryl Ryan, Linda Hudak, Meg Szewczak, and Charles Amuso

**Members excused:** Huynh Saner, Ron Boak, and Bic Nguyen

Deacon Niche opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Parish Update – Father Brownholtz**
   1. The Music Ministry Room refurbishment is almost complete.
   2. The snow removal costs for the heavy snow of January 23-24 are considerable. There are several considerations about how the parish can reduce the costs of snow removal.
   3. The “That Man is You” program is going extremely well. The participants number 30, which is the capacity of the room, at the 6:00 a.m. gatherings.
   4. The “Discovering Christ” program is currently at capacity, also.
   5. The “Formed” internet program is also very popular.
   6. In general, the Adult Faith Formation programs are very successful in attracting active participants.
2. **Committee Reports:**
   1. **Parish Budget –** Business Manager Douglas Smith reviewed the plans for development of a Parish Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. He will begin work with key Parish leaders in February.
   2. **Pastoral Plan Discussion –** Janna Kerr reported on many aspects of the Pastoral Plan that will be presented to Pastoral Council for approval on April 6th.
      1. Janna reviewed the comments and survey results received to date.
      2. She also led a discussion about the need for leadership for implementation of each of the Parish Priorities and also for each of the Initiatives included in the Pastoral Plan. Council members discussed the needs and volunteered and identified leaders for each Priority and Initiative.
      3. The volunteer leaders will present proposed committees for each Priority and Initiative at the April 6th Pastoral Council meeting.
   3. **Development and Fundraising Committee**: Kim Staudt reported that the Annual Parish Raffle sale will begin following Easter and the only drawing that will be held this year will be a final drawing on the first weekend in June at the Doughnut Social.
   4. **Religious Education update**: Meg Szewczak provided an update on the PREP Program. There will be no tuition increase for 2016-2017. There are also plans to provide a Sunday morning PREP session, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Students would attend class and the parents would have a separate seminar.
   5. **Family Faith Formation** – Maria Richardson gave a report on the many programs and activities that she and her committees are planning. The Theology of the Body Program will begin on March 1st. A Walk through Holy Week for families will take plan on March 18th. These and the many other events currently in planning will be available for families with their children.

The next meeting of Pastoral Council is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Father Brownholtz closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:40 p.m.