**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**November 2, 2016**

Members Present: Father Chung, Janna Kerr, Dave Mazeroski, Maria Richardson, Cheryl Ryan, Huynh Kim Saner, Douglas Smith, Kim Staudt, Megan Szewczak, and Charles Amuso. Members Excused: Deacon Peter Niche, Bic Nguyen, Ron Boak, and Linda Hudak.

Father Chung opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** 
   1. Father Chungreported that Catholic Health Services will soon begin providing consultation and assistance to parishioners who are senior citizens. This is a partnership effort with the Archdiocese and neighboring participating parishes. This will cost St. Maria Goretti Parish $12,000 per year. Father reported that there are many parishioners who need this service but have had difficulty in the past finding the help that they have needed.
   2. Father reported that the St. Francis Shrine in the traffic circle will be refurbished, as a result of an anonymous gift. He also intends to have a bronze statue of St. Maria Goretti brought to our parish.
   3. An Eagle Scout project is being planned to construct a bridge from the Outdoor Stations to the parking lot.
   4. Father reported that our 40 Hours Devotion went well, however, for next year, he is planning to expand participation to include all parish ministries, PREP students, KOC members, scouting program members, and many invited priests to participate in the closing procession, which will be outdoors, weather permitting.
   5. Father announced that there will be an additional Vietnamese eggroll sale on November 19th and 20th.
   6. Seminarian David O’Brien will visit as part of the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary appeal on November 19th and 20th.
   7. The Vocation Director of the Archdiocese, Fr. DeLacey will speak at all masses on January 7th and 8th. He will speak about the need to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
   8. There will be collection for the victims of Hurricane Matthew on November 12th and 13th.
   9. Theology on Tap will take place at the Stove and Tap restaurant in Lansdale. Archbishop Chaput will lead the discussion.
   10. A pilgrimage is begin planned to travel to Baltimore to visit religious sites and the Inner Harbor.
2. Committee Reports
   1. **Long Term Planning Committee** – Janna Kerr and Dave Mazeroski
      1. Janna provided a report on the Parish Update and a request that information from Point Persons be submitted by November 7th to her.
      2. Meg Szewczak reported that she is working to develop an Ushers Ministry with Pat Conroy and Joe Pekala. The plan includes having an Ushers’ Captain at all Masses and regularly scheduled teams of ushers to serve each Mass.
      3. Kim Staudt reported that the Pastoral Planning Facilities Group will meet on November 30th to begin analysis of the uses and needs of our parish facilities. They will work to develop a Facilities Plan and a Capital Budget and make a recommendation concerning how funds can be raised. This planning will be completed over time.
      4. Meg Szewczak reported that the Ministry Month resulted in some additional volunteers. A plan will be developed to hold a one day Ministry Festival later in the year.
   2. Meg Szewczak**, Director of Religious Education**, reported that PREP on Sundays is going well for both students and parents. First Holy Communion is scheduled on May 13th preceded on February 22nd by First Penance. The PREP Christmas Pageants will be held on Monday, December 12th and Tuesday, December 13th. All are welcome to attend.
   3. Maria Richardson, **Director of Family Faith Formation**, reported that the Pumpkin Painting Party had 15 participants and was a success. The Encounter Bible Study ends on November 15th and has been well attended. She also described the numerous programs planned for young parishioners and for families in the near future:
      1. Thank God for Good Friends! Game Night for Teens and College Students on Wednesday, November 23rd.
      2. TEEN SERVICE for Luminary Preparation will take place on Tuesday, November 29th and placement of Luminaries will be on December 24th at 9:00 a.m.
      3. Children’s Happy Birthday Jesus Part will be on Friday night, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in Drexel Hall.
      4. Christmas Luminary Sale will be on December 10th and 11th after all Masses.
      5. Teen Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.
      6. The Pizza/Salad for Lent Sale will take place on February 18th and 19th.
   4. Father Chung spoke about how we, as a Parish, need to determine what we need in our facilities and how they can best be utilized for the current and planned Parish programs and activities. He recommended that we visit neighboring parishes as a Pastoral Council to see how they have altered or developed their facilities to meet their needs.
   5. Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.