**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**April 5, 2018**

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

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

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
   1. Father Chung recommended that the practice of making a complete financial report to the parishioners be continued. Discussion followed about the many possible avenues for publishing the report, in addition to including the report in the bulletin.
   2. Father Chung conducted a discussion of parish staffing with the council members.
   3. A new statue of Our Lady of La Vang has been placed in the Chapel through a donor.
   4. The Pope John XXIII Movement members will be using our Chapel for their prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
   5. A pre-Theology seminarian from St. Charles Seminary will be assisting the parish for the summer months and living in the Rectory.
   6. Father is hoping that an Assistant Priest will be assigned to St. Maria Goretti soon.
   7. Census letters will go out in April.
2. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Pastoral Plan Committee –** Dave Mazeroski reported on the plan to develop the next Pastoral Plan by June 2019.
      * There will be three main Priorities
        1. **Evangelization**
        2. **Stewardship**
        3. **Facilities**
      * There was a discussion about persons who could serve as leaders for each of the Priorities. Contacts will be made for each Priority and leaders announced soon.
   2. **Welcoming Facilities/Development and Fund Raising Committee –** Kim Staudt reported on the planning for new facilities. A Family Life Center is planned for the baseball fields owned by the parish. A new Parish Center is also planned for the location of the current Parish Center. The next step in planning is to assess the capacity of the parish for developing a fund for the facilities.
   3. **Religious Education/Family Faith Formation/Voluntary Ministry Program** – Maria Richardson reported the following:
      * PREP Confessions took place on February 25th and 26th.
      * PREP did a Lent project for *Jenna’s Blessing Bags* in honor of parishioner Jenna Burleigh who passed away suddenly in 2017. PREP also collected Rice Bowls.
      * Confirmation was celebrated by Bishop Fitzgerald on March 8th. The confirmands answered the Bishop’s questions well.
      * On March 23rd, the Walk Through Holy Week moved to the Narthex. 20 families participated and parishioners who were present provided positive feedback.
      * First Holy Communion Retreat took place on March 24th. Each parent/child had time to pray together in front of a beautiful picture of Jesus. The group played “Jesus Says” and learned that Holy Communion is Jesus and that Jesus is God. The group made banners and a Keepsake Book.
      * We have 19 teens attending Chosen and on March 27th, they wen to confession.
      * Archdiocesan Safe Environments classes were taught to the PREP students on March 26th and 27th.
      * PREP Final Assessments for students will take place on April 8th, 9th, and 10th.
      * First Holy Communion Practice is on March 25th in preparation for the April 28th Mass. On April 29th the children who receive First Holy Communion and their gifts will be blessed at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. 72 children will receive on April 28th.
      * The Parish May Procession is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. All parish students who receive sacraments this year are invited to come in their special garments. All PREP students are also invited to attend.
      * Club 50 continues to have Game Day on the first Wednesday of the month. On May 22nd, they will take a trip to Longwood Gardens.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on May 2, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso