**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**January 3, 2018**

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

Father Chung opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05 p.m.

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
	1. The Opening Mass for the celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Maria Goretti Parish will take place at **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27th.**  Mass will be followed by a dinner in Drexel Hall. The dinner will be prepared by parishioners and will be free of charge to parishioners.
	2. The 65th Anniversary Year Long Celebration will include the following:
		* A “Truck Food” Festival and Beer Garden in June 2018.
		* A Pilgrimage to Italy (Rome, St. Maria Goretti Home, Assisi) for parishioners.
		* A Christmas Concert in our church by a popular Irish musical group.
		* A Closing Mass celebrated by Archbishop Chaput.
	3. The changeover of all lighting to LED lamps is continuing and almost completed in the church. All outside lighting will also be converted.
2. **Religious Education/Family Faith Formation/Ministries**- Maria Richardson reporting the following:
	1. Club 50 enjoyed a good trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster. A future trip to Longwood Gardens is planned.
	2. The Doughnut Social will be held in the Narthex, beginning on January 7th.
	3. **Family Faith Formation**
		* A Youth Mass will be celebrated on February 4th.
		* The Luminary Sale was a success. The Vietnamese Youth Group joined in and helped make the placement of luminaries go much faster that usual.
	4. **Ministries**
		* A thank you will be issued to all parishioners who contributed to the Giving Tree during the Christmas Season.
3. **Committee Reports**
	1. Kim Staudt reported on the Security Workshop provided by the Hatfield Police Department for our parish leaders. It was helpful for all.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on February 21, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso