**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**May 8, 2019**

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

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

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
   * + First Communion Ceremony went very well.
     + The final tally for the Restore the Pews fund raising will be announced in two weeks.
     + Estimates for installing air conditioning in Drexel Hall, as well as upgrading the kitchen are currently in the range of $100,000. We want to be able to host youth activities from the region on our campus. We must submit all proposals to the Archdiocese for approval.
     + The Vietnamese Community will fund and implement the project to replace the carpeting in the Parish Library with synthetic wood.
2. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Pastoral Plan Committee –** Janna Kerr reported that implementation of the Pastoral Plan will begin again in the fall, after the October 2nd Listening Session and the October 9th Pastoral Council meeting.

Ron Boak reported that the plan for the Parish Listening Session is complete. After discussion, Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. was set as the date for the session. Ron will arrange for a moderator who will be a member of the parish.

* 1. **Welcoming Facilities/Development and Fund Raising Committee-** Kim Staudt reported the following:
     + Goretti Fest 2019 is scheduled for Friday, September 27th.
     + Fund raising for the replacement of the pews is continuing and has reached $52,000 of the $70,000 needed.
  2. **Religious Education/Family Faith Formation/Voluntary Ministry Program** – Maria Richardson reported the following:
     + **PREP**
       - Lent Project was Jenna’s Bags for the Jenna Burleigh Foundation
       - Protecting God’s Children Lessons on March 4th
       - First Holy Communion Retreat – March 16th
       - First Holy Communion – May 4th – 84 children
       - Confirmation with Archbishop Chaput – April 11th – 43 teens
       - May Procession – 65 children
       - Final Assessment tests – Average score 91
       - Launched registration on May 6th – 2nd year with Parish Giving

**Youth Ministry**

* Alpha in the Spring – successful to be continued in the Fall
* Good Citizens Award from the Philadelphia Union League. Angelena Antenuci and Abby Benner received the award.
* National Youth Ministry Award on May 19th:

Liz Mozi

Mia Rosenberger

Angelena Antenuci

Abby Benner

Ashley Berdel

**Family Faith** is going to Cradles and Crayons on June 19th. Donations of children’s toys and clothing will be collected for that event.

**Franciscan University of Steubenville visit is on July 12-14** – 7 people attending**.**

**National Catholic Youth Conference –** 8 people will attend.

The next meeting of Pastoral Council will be on **Wednesday, October 9, 2019.**

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso