**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**October 9, 2019**

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

Kim Staudt opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
   * St. Maria Goretti will host the Pre-K and Summer Camp programs in partnership with Mater Dei School. The Pre-K Program will share classrooms with the SMG PREP Program.
   * The plan to install air conditioning in Drexel Hall and the Education Center requires engineering because of the scope of the work.
   * Father Chung and the Council members welcomed Gloria Nguyen to Pastoral Council.
2. **Committee Reports**
   * **Pastoral Plan Committee –** Dave Mazeroski, Janna Kerr, and Ron Boak reported on the status of the Pastoral Plan Development.
     + Ron Boak reported that the **Stewardship Committee** has planned the Listening Session for all parishioners for Wednesday, October 16th in the Chapel. The goal of the meeting is to build community. Ron explained the plans for the evening. He will serve as moderator for the session. If the number of participants is too large for the chapel, provisions will be made to move to the church will needed microphones for those who wish to speak.
   * **Welcoming Facilities/Development and Fund Raising Committee –**
   * Kim Staudt reported on the success of Gorettifest that produced net proceeds of $15,000. Thanks Chair Tom Coughlin and to all the many volunteers that made the event a success.
   * Kim also reported that the project to restore the church pews will be completed by Christmas.
3. **Religious Education/Family Faith Formation/Voluntary Ministry Program** – Maria Richardson reported the following:
   * **PREP**
     + The year began with a Catechist Forum on September 8th in the Narthex. We invited a police officer from Hatfield Township to speak about safety and emergency responses.
     + Archdiocesan Catechist Awards were announced on Catechetical Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on September 15th.
       1. **For 5+ years of Service**: Colleen Fuentes, Dave Geppert, Carol Hartman, Michelle Haytko, Linda Hudak, Tara Kresge, Diana Kudes, Cheryl Ryan, Rachael Noble, and Pat O’Hara.
       2. **For 10 Years of Service, the St. Pius Award is presented to**: Ellen Adamo, Renee McNamara, Sara Ofalt, Alicia Ranberg, Kim Shaughnessy.
       3. **For 15 years of service, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Award is presented to:** Sally Murphy.
     + Most of the Vietnamese children are now attending our regular PREP sessions. We still have 7 in the Sunday Family PREP Program.
     + PREP started on September 15th and 16th with parent meetings and a meet and greet with catechists. We have 386 children enrolled compared to 381 last year. Maria presented a chart of the 28 largest PREP programs in Montgomery County. SMG has the fourth largest enrollment at 386.
     + Many of our children attended the 40 Hours Procession with their families on September 24th.
     + We are hosting a “Kid Talk Workshop” at SMG with Leslie Davila, Director of the Office for Children and Youth Protection on November 7th.
     + The Confirmation Meeting for Parents will be on November 13th. Bishop Martino, Bishop Emeritus of Scranton, will celebrate Confirmation for our parish.
     + The Advent teaching event and sing-a-long will take place on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.
     + Confession is scheduled for PREP students on December 16th.
   * **YOUTH**
     + The Mass of Blessing for New Drivers took place on Sunday, September 29th at 11:30 a.m.
     + The Alpha Youth Series runs September through November. We have 19 attending.
     + The National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis will take place on November 21-24 with 7 from our parish attending.
     + Thank God for Good Friends Game Night is scheduled for November 26th.
     + The Children’s Advent Event is scheduled for December 13th.
     + The Luminary Sale is scheduled for December 14th and 15th.
     + The Teen Christmas Party will be on December 17th.
   * **MINISTRIES**
     + All ministries did a great job with baskets for Gorettifest**.**
     + The Club 50+ trip to Sight and Sound Theatre is scheduled for May 12th.
     + The Hospitality Ministry is still struggling with the Saturday Vigil Mass help.
     + We need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We are adding some young adults.
     + The Elder Care Program is growing quickly with 89 clients and 294 visits in less than 130 days last year. We are one of 15 parishes in the Archdiocese to have the program.
     + For the Music Ministry, we finally have a full children’s Chime Choir.
4. Ron Boak invited everyone to join with the national effort to have 20,000 people saying the Rosary in public on Saturday, October 12th at the corner of Cowpath and Bergey Roads.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday**, December 3, 2019

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso