**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**September 6, 2017**

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

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

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
   1. The renovations in the Education Center to accommodate the Daycare Center of Mater Dei School have been completed.
   2. The purchase of a truck for use around the parish campus has been completed. It is a Ford 250 that has been retrofitted for snow plowing and salt spreading.
   3. The parish will purchase a 40 foot lift to enable parish maintenance workers to change the light bulbs in the church and other tasks that require elevation provided by the lift.
   4. The church roof replacement should be completed by the end of September. The parish will use HOF/VOH funding for the roof.
   5. The Parish Forty Hours Devotion this year will have an expanded participation with representatives from all ministries and many priests invited to participate at the Tuesday Closing Devotion.
   6. Planning is beginning for the celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Maria Goretti Parish. The celebration will include an opening and closing ceremonies as well as many other events, including anniversary dinners.
   7. The change of all parish plant lighting to LED bulbs is progressing, beginning with the lighting in the church. The parking lot lighting will be included.
2. **Religious Education/Family Faith Formation/Ministries**- Maria Richardson reporting the following: Religious Education:
   1. PREP Begins 9/10/17 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. We have 325 children registered and we expect about expect 450.
   2. Registration confirmation is on line and in the narthex.
   3. We have added a level 2 for Catechesis of the Good Shepard.
   4. We have 28 Catechists, 11 Assistant Catechists, 15 Hall Monitors.
   5. Catechist Wine and Cheese almost all Catechists attended. It was well received.
   6. Teens have redecorated all of the PREP Classrooms. We discarded broken tables, etc.
   7. Recommended Changes for PREP:

* 1st Holy Communion practice the Wednesday before rather than the Friday before 1st Holy Communion.
* One Confirmation Retreat for all 7th grade teens on 1/6/17.
* Re think the Christmas Pageant for all on one night.
* Children’s Liturgy of the Word has new resources.
* We have 2 Catechists scheduled for every 9:30am Mass from October 1st to May 1st.
* We have a new song for children to gather and move to the chapel. Family Faith Formation:
* Teens will offer children’s games at the parish picnic.
* “Chosen” starts 9/12/17.
* New Drivers/ New Cars Blessing at Mass on 9/17/17.
* National Catholic Youth Conference 11/16 to 11/19, 2017.
* Luminary Sale December 9th & 10th, 2017.

1. Ministries:

* Hospitality- Several new volunteers for Saturday night Mass.
* Club 50+ Game Day is going well with about 10 to 15 people per month through the summer months.
* Sight and Sound Christmas Show trip to Lancaster on 12/15/17 has not been advertised yet but it is almost full!
* Boy Scouts want to start a troop at SMG. I am meeting with them in October.
* Ben Braun has an Eagle Project due and wants to build a fire pit for the youth group.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Kim Staudt reported for the **Welcoming Facilities Committee** that Father Chung, Kim Staudt and Charlie Amuso will be meeting with Jay Clough of KCBA Architects to discuss possible improvements to our parish facilities.
   2. Kim also reported that the new Bible Study session will have more than 30 participants. That Man is Your will continue with two sessions, one on Wednesday mornings and the second on Saturday mornings.

Deacon Peter Niche closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on October 4, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The Pastoral Council and Finance Council then honored Jim Petro, former Finance Council chair, who has stepped down after 17 years.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso