**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**December 3, 2019**

Members Present: Father Chung, Deacon Peter Niche, Deacon Steven Vandercrone , Janna Kerr, Gloria Nguyen, Dave Mazeroski, Maria Richardson, Cheryl Ryan , and Charles Amuso. Members excused: Kim Staudt, Douglas Smith, Ron Boak, 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:
   1. The Mater Dei School Program, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, will use the SMG Education Center for the Pre-School Program, in addition to the Childcare Center.
   2. Also in 2020, the Summer Camp program will take place at St. Stanislaus Campus.
   3. The Rhoads Garden is again providing donations of Christmas trees for SMG for 2019.
   4. Planning for installation of air conditioning in Drexel Hall and its kitchen is continuing.
   5. The plan to replace the annual books with permanent books for the congregation is continuing.
   6. Cheryl Ryan addressed the need for an update of the Parish Directory with photos because the most recent was finished in 2010. Plans will be made for a new directory, at no cost to the parish.
2. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Pastoral Plan Committee –**The Listening Session Report will be made at the January 8th Joint Council Meeting.
   2. **Welcoming Facilities/Development and Fund Raising Committee-** Kim Staudt reported the following:
      * The renovation of the church pews is now scheduled for February 2020.
   3. **Religious Education/Family Faith Formation/Voluntary Ministry Program** – Maria Richardson reported the following:

**PREP**

* + - Advent Christmas Sing a Long Pageant tomorrow is tomorrow December 4th in church at 6:30pm.
    - Confessions for the PREP children will be on December 16th.
    - Midterm testing is scheduled for January 12th & 13th.

**Youth Ministry**

 National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis was held on November 21st to 24th. Seven from SMG attended and had a fabulous experience that included

Eucharistic adoration, liturgy of the hours, lectio divina, Christian concerts,

speakers and Mass with 300 priests/bishops and 20,000 teens.

 Finished *Alpha Youth Series* in November for Junior and Senior High Teens

* + - *Altaration* by Ascension Press will begin in January.

**Children’s Youth Ministry**

* + - * Advent Christmas Event is Friday, December 13th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Drexel Hall

**Ministries**

* + - Giving Tree spaces will be sectioned off in the narthex to try to control

placement and avoid the need to move gifts several times during the time they are there.

* + - We are seeking a new leader of the Hospitality Ministry and will reevaluate the responsibilities of the ministry in an effort to increase participation and decrease turnover.

The next meeting of Pastoral Council will be on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020.**

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso