

St. Maria Goretti

Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes

December 6, 2016

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

Father Chung opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:10 p.m.

Reports:

1. Parish Update

- a. Father Chung reported that an Eagle Scout project is being planned to construct a bridge from the Outdoor Stations to the parking lot. He and Lynn Hipp are working with the scout.
- b. Father reported that the painting of the church should be completed very soon.
- c. The lighting in the church will be changed to use LED lightbulbs as soon as it is feasible.
- d. Father reported that church attendance is up and we will need to print additional bulletins to keep up with the demand.
- e. Father discussed the various assessments that the parish must pay to the Archdiocese, many of which are based on our parish census.
- f. Jennifer Rose, the director of the Senior Citizen Health Services in our parish should be invited to address all of the ministry meetings, whenever they occur.

2. Committee Reports

- a. **Long Term Planning Committee** – Janna Kerr and Dave Mazerowski
Janna reported that the update to the parish about the Pastoral Plan was included as a bulletin insert. Meg Szewczak will place the update on the parish website. Kim Staudt reported on the Facilities Committee meeting, saying that the discussion was thorough as a beginning point for the group. The Facilities Committee will distribute a questionnaire to all ministry heads and other groups that use the parish facilities in January. The questionnaire will seek answers to a number of questions, including how many meetings are held and the number of people attending. Some areas are heavily used and some are very heavily used. The goal of the committee is to determine if or how changes can be made to the facilities to meet the current and perhaps future needs of the parish. The committee will be visiting other parishes that have updated facilities to assist the committee in planning for our parish facilities.

- b. Maria Richardson, **Director of Family Faith Formation**, reported that the Three Kings Celebration for children and families will take place on the evening of Friday, January 6th.
- c. Ron Boak and Kim Staudt reported that the next **That Man is You** series will begin on January 18th. Participation has been good at 15 – 22 men. Ron Reported that a Men of Goretti Group has formed in the parish. Angela McClellan does all of the organizing and manages all the arrangements for food and facilities.
- d. Father Chung announced that retired Deacon Steven Vandercrone will be serving our parish effective immediately.
- e. Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Charles Amuso