**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**February 4, 2020**

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

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

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
   * Father proposed a new ministry **–** Acts 2:42 Ministry “*They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.”* All parishioners will be invited to participate in evening prayer in the church on one Thursday each month. Participation will foster a deeper appreciation and devotion to the Eucharist and in communal prayer.
   * The Vietnamese New Year celebration experienced a larger crowd than usual this year. The celebration went very well.
   * During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays and 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Vietnamese. Stations in Spanish will take place on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Committee Reports**
   * **Pastoral Plan Committee –** Dave Mazeroski and Janna Kerr reported that Maureen Victoria may be the new leader of the Evangelization Team for the Pastoral Plan.
     + Ron Boak sent a Stewardship Report that recommends the following:
       1. Young families should be invited to a social event to discuss their aspirations for their vision of the parish. Perhaps the dinner could be at the Rectory to provide them with an opportunity to interact with our Pastor, Father Chung.
       2. A process to reach out to newly registered parishioners on a regular basis. The purpose is to make them feel more welcome and to invite them to become involved in ministries. The Stewardship Committee volunteers to lead this effort.
       3. That those on parish committees, particularly Pastoral Council and Finance Council, wear name tags at Sunday Mass to enable parishioners to identify them and to invite them to participate on committees.
       4. A weekly Parish Rosary. The Stewardship Committee will lead this effort.
     + **Welcoming Facilities/Development and Fund Raising Committee –** Kim Staudt reported that the Parish Raffle is being planned for the time following Easter.
3. **Parish Business Manager**, Douglas Smith**,** reported the following:
   * The possibility of installing security cameras around the parish campus and large screen TV for the Narthex is being reviewed. Pennsylvania is offering Safety and Security Grants in the amount of $25,000 to support this effort. We should hear soon.
   * The pew restoration should be completed during early March.
   * The process of developing the 2020-2021 has begun with input from all of the ministries.
   * The renovation process of the Education Center is focusing on upgrading the electric service.
   * The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia will meet with the Investment Committee to offer alternative investment strategies.
   * The wireless system in the church has been upgraded.

Father Chung led a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 28, 2020