

**St. Maria Goretti
Pastoral Council
Meeting Notes
January 4, 2017**

Members Present: Father Chung, Ron Boak, Janna Kerr, Dave Mazeroski, Maria Richardson, Cheryl Ryan, Huynh Kim Saner, Douglas Smith, Kim Staudt, and Charles Amuso. Members Excused: Deacon Peter Niche, Bic Nguyen, and Meg Szewczak. Father Chung opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Reports:

1. Committee Reports

a. **Long Term Planning Committee** – Janna Kerr and Dave Mazeroski

i. Janna presented and reviewed a matrix that she developed to track the progress of each of the facets of the Pastoral Plan. The chart lists the Priorities and the Point Person for each. It also lists the stated Goals and Tasks. Each Point Person will report to Pastoral Council and Janna will record the progress toward each Task and every Goal. Council members agreed that this is an excellent way to track the Pastoral Plan progress and to report that progress to the parishioners. The Council members reported current progress to the group during the meeting.

ii. Meg Szewczak reported that, to date, there are no volunteers for the new Ushers Ministry. Maria Richardson volunteered to contact the Knights of Columbus to ask them to help in developing the Ushers Ministry.

b. Maria Richardson, **Director of Family Faith**

Formation, reported the following:

- i. Current participation is 47 high school students, 29 junior high school students and 50 younger children for a total of 126 young people in our Youth Ministry Program.
 - ii. For the Epiphany of Our Lord, there will be a Three Kings Children's event on Friday, January 6th. 38 have registered to date and a total of 50 participants are anticipated.
 - iii. The next Junior High and High School Program *is Chosen, This Is Your Catholic Faith*. Part One is scheduled for 8 weeks in February and March 2017. This is a 24-week program. Part 2 will be in Fall 2017 and Part 3 will be in the Spring of 2018.
 - iiii. The Youth Ministry Group has raised \$1,900 with the luminary sale to support the families sending teens to Catholic Heart Work Camp and to Franciscan University of Steubenville.
 - v. Twenty-Four have signed up for the Catholic Heart Work Camp and 13 for the Steubenville experience. The combined cost for families is almost \$14,000.
 - vi. The Pizza and Salad sale will again take place for Lent on February 25th and 26th.
 - vii. Trivia Night is schedule for Friday, March 4th.
- c. Kim Staudt reported for the **Development and Fund Raising Committee** that the annual parish raffle will be held between Easter and the beginning of June.
- d. A discussion followed about having Youth Ministry participants serve as ushers at some Masses.
- e. A discussion about how to roll out the Parish App for smartphones resulted in a suggestion that the roll out begin prior to Masses on a weekend soon.

2. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
 - a. Christmas Masses were very well attended. The additional chairs were very helpful at all the Masses, especially the 4:00 p.m. Mass.
 - b. The painting of the church is completed and many have commented about how much better the church looks.
 - c. The Narthex bulletin boards will be replaced after meetings with the groups that use them.
 - d. The statue of the Infant of Prague has been moved to the center area of the Narthex – a more prominent position for all to see the statue.
 - e. The Vietnamese New Year celebration will be held in Drexel Hall following the 2:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 29th. All are invited to attend.
 - f. The LED lighting change (bulbs only) is being coordinated by Business Manager Douglas Smith who is in the process of obtaining proposals for the work. If this can be accomplished for the sanctuary lights alone the savings would be approximately \$4,000 for each change. The current changes occur every two years, when enough bulbs have burned out.
 - g. Father Dennis Carbonaro will preach the parish 40 Hour Devotions, scheduled for October 15, 16, and 17, 2017. Father Chung will invite all parish organizations to fully participate in the ceremonies, including the closing procession.
 - h. A discussion took place and a plan was formulated to invite registered parishioners who are not attending Mass to fully participate in the parish. Letters and follow-up contacts will be made to encourage participation. There are currently 3,260 families registered and approximately 700 participating.
3. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Parish Finance Council on February 1st.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso