St. Maria Goretti Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes for March 18, 2025

Pastoral Council Members Present: Father Chung, Kim Staudt, Janna Kerr, Steve King, Phi Vu, Janine Paillard, and Charlie Amuso.

1. Father Chung provided the following update:
   1. The Senior Club is very active and is requesting an upgrade in the electrical outlets in Drexel Hall because of their need to prepare coffee for their meetings.
   2. The Narthex will be upgraded by the installation of cabinets and counters to replace the many tables currently in use.
   3. Father Chung and others discussed the childcare program that now rents part of the Education Center. The rent helps to defray the cost of maintenance of that building.
   4. The May Crowning ceremony will take place on Monday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m.
   5. The PREP schedule, beginning next year, will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays only.
   6. Additional focus is needed on the learning process for those students who are taught faith formation at their homes. Sacramental Years will take place in person only in the future.
   7. The parish has seen a growth in young altar servers with 22 new servers beginning in the current year.
   8. Additional help for the Pastoral Assistant will be provided by persons that Father Chung is recruiting.
   9. One of the St. Maria Goretti seminarians, Peter, will be ordained to the Diaconate in May.
2. Kim Staudt, Chair of the Finance Council and member of Pastoral Council, reported the following:
   1. The financial status of the parish is very good, as indicated by the comparison of the end of December reports for 2023 and 2024. The revenues have increased year over year and the expenses have decreased. The report will be posted on the electronic screens in the Narthex.
   2. The Capital Campaign is in the “silent” phase during which committee members are approaching potential major donors.
   3. The parish has contracted with Boyle Construction as the Construction Manager for the Parish Center project. They are the same firm that is working with Hatfield Township and is recommended by the township. Boyle will be working closely with Hatfield Township in the planning and development of the Parish Center.
   4. The Design Phase of the Parish Center is in process. The next step is the Capital Campaign to raise $6.1M.
3. Janna Kerr reported for the Next Generation Parish Process:
   1. The Fostering Holiness team plans to wrap their efforts into the Adult Faith Formation Ministry programs.
   2. The Implementation Team will be reviewing the results of the Disciple Makers Index Survey to plan for the near future. The DMI will be completed by April 10th.
   3. The Ministry Fair scheduled for April 5-6 will see participation of at least 38 of the parish ministries.
      1. Pastoral Council will share a table with the some other key ministries.
      2. The Fair will take place after each Mass during that weekend.
4. Janine Paillard, a member of the Capital Campaign Committee noted that a cash bingo will take place in Drexel Hall on Friday, March 21st beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Charles Amuso

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