**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**May 3, 2017**

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

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

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
   1. Confirmation went well with Bishop McIntyre administering the sacrament.
   2. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th.
   3. The purchase of a truck for the parish is in the budget for 2017-2018 . The truck will be used for hauling parish items and for snowplowing minor snowfall.
   4. The Parish Center 2nd floor non-functioning bathroom is being renovated into an office.
   5. The May Procession on Monday, May 1st was well received, with a large crowd in attendance.
   6. Our parish has been assigned a newly ordained transitional deacon who will be ordained to the priesthood in 2018. Deacon Quy Pham will arrive on June 4th and be with us for the summer.
   7. The project to change all lighting to LED lights is planned for the summer.
   8. There will be 3 adults who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 13th. These individuals have studied with RCIA Director Al Pandolfo.
   9. On September 17th, we will celebrate Our Lady of La Vang with our Vietnamese Community.
   10. The Parish Picnic will take place on Saturday, September 16th, beginning with a 4:00 p.m. Mass.
2. Committee Reports
   1. **Long Term Planning Committee** – Janna Kerr and Dave Mazeroski reported that many of the action plans have been completed. Reports to the parish will continue to be made.
   2. On April 28th, 50 couples participated in the inaugural **Marriage Matters Ministry** event. Following dinner, the couples heard from speaker Father Michael Mullen and had the opportunity for adoration and Reconciliation.
   3. Maria Richardson, **Director of Family Faith Formation**, reported the following:

* There is a new SMG opportunity for high school teens to attend the National Catholic Youth conference with 20,000 teens in Indianapolis in November. We have 4 teens signed up.
  + The Stocks pound cake sale is to fund this opportunity. We will take orders until May 20th and have them here the weekend of June 3rd & 4th.
* May 21st is the Mass of Blessing for all graduates and Youth Ministry Awards. We have CYO awards as well as three adult and two teen national awards.
* On Sunday, June 4th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm we will have Family Praise and Worship and Eucharistic Adoration time in church with Bethany Music Ministry from the WMOF Youth Congress.
* On June 21st there will be a family service day to Cradles to Crayons in Conshohocken.
* For July 7th – 9th we have teens going to Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio for the High School Conference.
* For the week of July 22nd to 30th we have teens going to Catholic Heart Workcamp.
  + **Volunteer Ministry Coordinator** – Maria Richardson
    - Usher Ministry
      * We will attempt to begin this weekend to have ushers assist for the collection as well as Holy Communion
      * We have had eight people sign up and hope to have a slow build through the summer.
    - Children’s Ministry of The Word
      * There will be a meeting on May 16th with volunteers to try to get this ministry consistent for 9:30am Mass beginning in September.
    - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
      * There was a well-attended meeting on April 19th with over 50 people in attendance. We now have written guidelines and have distributed them to those who missed the meeting.
    - Club 50+
      * An idea flyer went out in last week’s bulletin and there has been a nice amount of energy around it so I think we will have movement on this in the near future.
  1. Kim Staudt reported for the **Development and Fund Raising Committee** that the annual parish raffle is moving forward. Tickets will be sold in the Narthex after each Mass until the drawing, which will be held on June 4th, following the Vietnamese Mass.

1. **Religious Education** – Meg Szewczak reported the following:
   1. PREP classes participated in the May Crowning ceremony on May 1st.
   2. Online registration is in operation for 2017-2018.
   3. The Sunday PREP class will be held again in 2017-2018. Parents participate at the same time as their children, but in a different class.
   4. Vacation Bible School will take place during the last week in June this year.

1. **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd –** Linda Hudak reported that the current program is expanding. We will continue with Level 1 (ages 3-6) and have a parishioner to lead the session who will be Level 1 certified. Enrollment for one Sunday session at 9:15 a.m. is nearly full. Additionally, a Level 2 for Grades 1-3 will be added on Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Although a session could support 15 children, the number is self-limiting as attendance at Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is required. Linda Hudak is currently attending Level 2 certification training and making materials for the new level. Level 2, Grades 1 and 2 will be independent sessions to include the sacraments of Penance and First Communion. For Grade 3 and any future additional grades, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be an enhancement to a tradition PREP class, as required by the Archdiocese.
2. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso