**St. Maria Goretti**

**Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Notes**

**October 3, 2018**

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

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

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
   1. A Cub Scout Pack has moved to St. Maria Goretti as a home base. Our parish has agreed to house the Pack after another church asked the Pack to find another home.
   2. Mater Dei School has been named a National Blue Ribbon School which recognizes excellence in educational programs. Congratulations!
   3. Renovations to update the Rectory have been completed at a very reasonable cost. Upgrades were needed because of the age of the building.
   4. The Rectory basement has been repaired after a water infiltration issue occurred.
   5. The Parish 40 Hours celebration went very well with all three evenings well attended by parishioners, visitors and visiting priests. Father Stokely was the homilist for the evening devotions.
   6. The flat roof portion of the church roof must be replaced because of leaks that have developed.
   7. Deacon Pham will be added to Parish Council membership.
2. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Pastoral Plan Committee –** Dave Mazeroski, Janna Kerr, and Ron Boak reported on the status of the Pastoral Plan Development.
      * Ron Boak reported that the **Stewardship Committee** has met several times and Ron presented a report on their work and recommendations to date. One of the recommendations was for the Parish to conduct a meeting for all parishioners to invite their comments about the continuing revelations about the scandals in the Catholic Church regarding the abuse of minors. A more detailed recommendation by the Stewardship Committee will be made within a few days.
      * Ron also reviewed a number of other recommendations that the committee has made and is working on to develop further.
   2. **Welcoming Facilities/Development and Fund Raising Committee –** Kim Staudt reported on that the planning for renovation of the parish facilities will focus on the church and possible expansion of the Narthex.
   3. **Religious Education/Family Faith Formation/Voluntary Ministry Program** – Maria Richardson reported the following:

**PREP**

* A mailing was to all parishioners with grade school children not in private school or PREP.
* New PREP Books – Alive in Christ – OSV – has been purchased for us in all sessions.
* The Catechist In-Service Dinner prior to PREP starting was a great success.
* A celebration of Catechetical Sunday with Archdiocesan Catechist Awards was held at the 9:30 Mass.
* The Vietnamese Our Lady of LaVang PREP has combined with the Sunday Family PREP Program. The Sunday program has 18 children participating.
* PREP started in September 9th and is still accepting registrations.
* Children were invited to attend 40 Hours Closing Liturgy so we canceled the classes that week and had 35 children and 18 Catechists attend.
* Christmas Pageant – Advent teaching event plus sing-a-long is scheduled for December 5th.
* We have confession scheduled for the children prior to Christmas.
* Mid-Term testing is in mid-January.

**YOUTH**

* The Chosen Program in September & October saw 18 attending including the HS teens.
* The Mass of Blessing for New Drivers was on September 30th at 11:30am. We gave out about 35 medals.
* Trivia Night for adults is on Friday, October 5th.
* Thank God for Good Friends Game Night will be on Tuesday, November 20th.
* The Children’s Advent Event is scheduled for November 30th.
* The Luminary Sale will be on December 8th and 9th.
* The Teen Christmas Party is scheduled for December 18th.

**CLUB 50+**

* The Club will visit Christkindle Market in Bethlehem, PA on Friday, November 16th.
* The visit to Sight and Sound Theatre on December 12th is sold out.
* The Club will visit the American Treasure Tour in Oaks, PA on Wednesday January 23rd.
* Philadelphia Flower Show visit is scheduled for Friday March 8th.
* Monthly Game Day is very popular and a fun event.

**Hospitality Ministry**

* Joe Pekala, who has provided leadership for the ministry, has business commitments that prevent him from continuing. We thank him for his leadership. We are looking for new leadership at this time.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday**, December 4, 2018.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso