

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

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

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

Reports:

1. **Parish Update** – Father Chung reported the following:
 - a. The church roof replacement is complete. The parish has a 12-year warranty on the roof.
 - b. The LED replacement of all lighting is progressing. When finished, all interior and parking lot lights will use LED bulbs providing a great savings in electric power usage.
 - c. The new truck with plow and salt spreader is now on site.
 - d. The Parish Forty Hours Devotion this year will include an outdoor closing procession led by Bishop McIntyre and 30+ guest priests. The grounds will be lighted by luminaires and candles held by all participants.
 - e. Planning is beginning for the celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Maria Goretti Parish in 2018. The celebration will include opening and closing ceremonies as well as many other events, including anniversary dinners. It may also include a pilgrimage to Rome for parishioners who choose to participate.
 - f. An effort will be made to correct the problems with the cushions in the church pews and kneelers.
 - g. Parishioner Ben Braun is planning an Eagle Scout Project to construct a fire pit that can be used for our Easter Vigil and for youth activities.

2. **Long Term Planning Committee** – Janna Kerr and

Dave Mazerowski reported that a report to the parish will be delivered in the bulletin and from the ambo during the weekend of October 14-15. We have achieved the completion of almost all the projects included in the Pastoral Plan.

3. **Religious Education/Family Faith**

Formation/Ministries- Maria Richardson reported the following:

- a. **PREP** is going very well. We have some new things in place.
 - i. Opening prayer as a group.
 - ii. Mid Term and Year End Assessments have been added.
 - iii. Home Based Catechists Meeting with 30 families in attendance. They reviewed a new handbook for participating families.
 - iiii. Mailboxes have been added for teachers.
 - v. Our goal is to add teacher aids – at least one per classroom.
 - vi. 391 students are registered. Last year we had 444 students.
 - vii. The Confirmation Parent Meeting is on October 2nd.

b. **Family Faith**

- i. There are 25 teens in the *Chosen* program.
- ii. There is an organizational meeting to begin a Boy Scout Program here at SMG. Deacon Niche will host the meeting on October 18th.
- iii. We have scheduled a Youth Mass on Saturday, November 4th at 5:00 p.m.
- iiii. Six of our students will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference at Indianapolis on November 16-17.
- v. Thank God for Good Friends Game Night is scheduled for November 21st for college students and teens.
- vi. The Luminaire sale will take place on December 9th and 10th.

c. **Ministries**

- i. For the 40 Hours Devotion, 4 groups have reserved pews so far: Sisters in Spirit, St. Vincent DePaul, Registration, and Altar

Servers.

- ii. The Club 50+ Christmas Show Trip to Lancaster is on December 15th.

4. Welcoming Facilities Report – Kim Staudt reported the following:

- a. Father Chung, Kim Staudt and Charlie Amuso met with Jay Clough of KCBA Architects to discuss the services provided in a Feasibility Study. The contract for the Feasibility Study to explore the possibilities of adding buildings and changing the parish campus to better suit the current and planned uses for our parishioners.
- b. That Man is You has added a Saturday morning program, in addition to the Wednesday morning program.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Notes submitted by Charles Amuso