

**St. Maria Goretti
Pastoral Council
Meeting Notes
October 5, 2016**

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

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

Reports:

1. Parish Update

- a. Father Chung reported that the Installation Mass and the Vietnamese Community Celebration of Our Lady of La Vang both went very well.
- b. He also reported that he is visiting the many homebound parishioners and hopes to visit all within the next few months.
- c. Father reported about the Theology on Tap meeting that will take place at the Stove and Tap Restaurant in Lansdale on October 29th. Archbishop Chaput will be present for that discussion with young adults.
- d. Father is moving forward with the process of painting the church interior and will have more to report soon.
- e. Father led a discussion of the need for funding for the Vietnamese Community PREP Program. The Pastoral Council members voted affirmatively to ask the Parish Finance Council to review other possible sources of funding for the program, as the Vietnamese Community is an integral part of St.

Maria Goretti Parish. The motion was made by Kim Staudt, seconded by Ron Boak, and approved unanimously (9-0) by the council members.

- f. The Vietnamese Community is planning for a second eggroll sale to take place in November.
- g. Father reported that the Custodial Staff is undergoing restructuring as a result of a retirement of a long term employee.
- h. Father announced that he will be planning some additions to the Forty Hours Devotions in October 2017. He would like to have, among other additions, a procession, weather permitting. He would also like all organizations and ministries to have a part in the ceremonies.

2. Committee Reports

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

i. Janna provided a calendar for Pastoral Council reports to the parishioners as follows:

1. November 20, 2016
2. March 19, 2017
3. June 18, 2017
4. October 15, 2017

She also provided Pastoral Council members with the dates that their reports are due to Janna and Dave.

ii. The reports will be provided in the Bulletin, the Website, and through the Constant Contact email system to all parishioners.

iii. The October 2017 report will be delivered verbally from the ambo at all Masses.

iiii. A lengthy discussion followed about the need for an Ushers Ministry, rather than follow the strategy that the 8 ushers needed are selected by the Greeters as they are welcoming the arriving congregation. Meg Szewczak

agreed to work with Joe Pekala (Greeters' Ministry head) to develop a plan to establish the ministry to have 8 ushers scheduled for each Mass every weekend. Ron Boak will draft a letter to the Knights of the Columbus to ask for their assistance in developing this ministry.

- v. Dave Mazerowski reported on changes in the marriage preparation program. Instead of a local Pre-Cana program, parishioners who are planning marriage will be referred to the Archdiocesan "Joy Filled Marriage" program. Locally, Dave and the committee will be working on a Marriage Ministry for already married parishioners.
 - vi. Father Chung reported that the New Order of the sacramental marriage ceremony will come into use in December 2016. He said that the parish will be purchasing books for the use at weddings.
 - vii. The Pastoral Planning Facilities Group will meet on November 30th to begin analysis of the uses and needs of our parish facilities.
- b. Kim Staudt reported that Parish Finance Council and the Pastoral Council will have a joint meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. He also reported that the Archdiocese has contracted with SEI Investments Company for parishes and the Archdiocese to make faith based investments.
 - c. Meg Szewczak, **Director of Religious Education**
 - i. Sent a report that 400+ students are now enrolled in the PREP Program. The new Sunday PREP Program includes 30 parents who attend with their children. The Adaptive PREP program for students who are on the Autism Spectrum is also going well.
 - d. Meg also reported that Ministry Month is in progress in the Narthex following each weekend

Mass.

- e. Regarding Meg's Pastoral Plan work, she and Cheryl Ryan have established a Parish App, a Facebook account. Constant Contact has been operating for several months and provides email updates to parishioners who have provided their own email addresses.
- f. Maria Richardson, **Director of Family Faith Formation**, described the numerous programs planned for young parishioners and for families in the near future. Those are: The Positively Dangerous Teen Leadership Event, the Pumpkin Painting Party, the Thank God for Good Friends Game Night, and many fund raising activities to support the trip to Catholic Heart Work camp and Steubenville activities during the Summer of 2017.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:00 p.m.
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2, 2017.