

St. Maria Goretti Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, August 9, 2018

Parish Vision Statement: *Diverse in age, talents and experience, we, the faith community of St. Maria Goretti Parish, envision ourselves building God's Kingdom within and without. Centered in the Eucharist, we actively participate in education and leadership. United, we reach out to our neighbors with the love of Christ.*

Opening Prayer: Fr. Tony Ego

Roll Call: Fr. Tony, Connie Fink, Patti Jo Brown, Maureen Bennett, Lorrie Polesky, Emil Maslanka, Rob Nunley, and Randy Jaminet

Old Business

SMG Website and Social Media

There were no new website updates reported at the meeting.

Open Council Positions

There are 2 Parish Council positions open for one adult and one high school student. The adult position is a 3 year term, and the school position is to be determined. There was discussion about seeking a young adult for the 3 year term to add some diversity to the make-up of the council. A few names were mentioned for follow-up.

Fr. Jim's Memorial Dinner Benefit

Maureen Bennett asked how the funds raised will be used. She wondered if the money would be used for scholarships for students attending Catholic schools on the Illinois side of the Quad-Cities. The council did not have detailed information yet.

As of August 17, there were \$1510 in sales. One thousand two hundred ninety dollars (\$1290) of the sales were sponsorships. More sponsorships than meal tickets had been sold.

Nancy Robison has distributed the Memorial Dinner Benefit announcement to St. John's, Sacred Heart, and St. Anne's with requests to call the SMG office for tickets.

The following were suggested by Parish Council members to promote the benefit:

- Randy proposed asking the ushers at St. Maria Goretti and Mary Our Lady of Peace parishes to sell tickets after weekend masses through September 8.
- Lorrie Polesky suggested that the ticket sales table be placed outside instead of in the church foyer to make the ticket sales more visible to the parishioners as they leave the church.

- Patti Jo Brown and Emil Maslanka proposed that there be a corporate level sponsorship which would be anything greater than the Diamond level of \$75.
- It was proposed that during the dinner there be a separate slide for each corporation participating at the corporate level.
- Gift baskets of \$50 value for the raffle would be solicited from parishioners through announcements at weekend masses and the bulletin.
- An advertisement about the dinner would be placed in the Coal Valley newsletter.

New Business

Insect Damage Assessment and Damage Control

In June, Kenney's Pest Control treated the ceiling center diagonal laminated timber arch in the church to eradicate black ants. No new signs of ants or wood dust have been seen. Kenney's gave a quote of \$350 to treat the rest of the beams.

- John Mahon of Bracke, Hayes, Miller, Mahon, Architects LLP has found a structural engineer who can figure out how the ants are getting in.
- Randy would like to coordinate the structural engineer's and Kenney's work.
- To ensure the ants have been eradicated, Randy would like to propose that the Finance Committee authorize Kenney's Pest Control to treat the remaining ceiling laminated beams for \$350.
- Fr. Tony will bring up the proposal to the Finance Committee at the August 22nd meeting.
- Randy will contact John Mahan about the structural engineer.

Capital Improvement Project

Randy asked Fr. Tony about the project scope and plan. Fr. Tony will be prepared to talk about the project at the next Parish Council meeting on September 13.

Randy reported that the survey showed people are generally supportive of projects inside the church.

Fr. Tony said that the Moline parishes are eager to get started on their projects.

Administrative Report

Fr. Tony reported that the parish has surpassed the ADA goal, so SMG should receive some money back.

Lorrie Polesky, Parish Council Secretary

A special Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 8/23, at 6:00 PM to discuss the dinner.

The next regularly scheduled Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 9/13, in the parish hall at 6:00 PM.

