

St. Maria Goretti Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 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, Randy Jaminet, Mark Fennel, Camy Stone, Lorrie Polesky, Maureen Bennett, Emil Maslanka, and John DeBisschop

Old Business

SMG Website

At this time, there were no new updates to the parish website, Facebook page, or flickr.

Open Council Positions

There are one adult and one high school position openings on the council.

Fr. Jim's Memorial Dinner Benefit

Fr. Jim's Memorial Dinner Benefit will take place on September 16, 2018, from 4-7 PM at The Rock in Coal Valley. Mark Fennel showed the slide presentation that will be shown before and after each speaker and the Alleman Pioneer Singers.

- The current margin projected for this benefit is \$4,221.44 not including additional raffle ticket sales and margin from 50/50 ticket sales.
- A total of 52 sponsorships have been received for \$2,870.
- Twenty-six baskets have been donated for the raffle.
 - Business raffle basket donations need to be recognized in the program slide presentation.
- It was decided to have people put their names on the raffle tickets to speed up the process of announcing the winners of the baskets.
- A description of the baskets will be on each of the tables.
- Patti Jo said that the 50/50 raffle tickets will sell for \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets.
- There will be a silent auction for the garden bench.
- Raffle ticket and 50/50 ticket sales will occur from 4:00-7:00 PM.
 - At 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 PM, a drawing will be made for the 50/50 winners. The 50/50 winners need to be present to win. Unclaimed winnings will be added to the memorial fund. The 50/50 sales will start over after each drawing. Two Parish Council members need to cover

50/50 ticket sales and drawings. Two council members will need to cover raffle ticket sales with 2 more to cover raffle drawings at 7:00. Winners do not need to be present to win raffle baskets.

- Patti Jo, Connie, Lorrie, and Camy volunteered to sell raffle tickets.
- The Alleman Pioneer Singers will perform for about 20 minutes as entertainment for the event.
- The Rock will prepare 210 meals based on ticket sales count plus 10 expected sales.
- Connie Fink has contacted parishioners to provide cakes for dessert.
- The Rock has been given a prepayment for 75 meals. The remaining meals should be paid for by October 15.
- A cash bar will be provided by The Rock.
- Fr. Tony will say grace before dinner and welcome all to the dinner benefit at 4:10.
- John DeBisshop will present an overview of Fr. Jim's Education Memorial at 4:45.
- Matt DeBisshop, Fr. Jim's nephew, will talk about his uncle, Fr. Jim.
- Dale Witzel, Rob Nunley, and Emil Maslanka will be near the buffet tables to oversee the ticket tables.

Church Beam Insect Eradication and Damage Assessment

At its August 22nd meeting, the Finance Committee approved the treatment of the church ceiling beams for carpenter ants by Kenney's Pest Control and the assessment of beam integrity by Bracke. Hayes. Miller. Mahon, Architects. The work should be coordinated between Kenney's and the architects.

Capital Improvement Planning

Fr. Tony said that some priorities for improving the church property should include the following: new carpeting for the church, the PA system, additional storage, and the eradication of carpenter ants. He also felt that St. Maria Goretti should support Seton School since there are children from the parish who attend school there.

Randy said the Renovation Committee needs to get together again.

Randy wondered how much a parish should have set aside for unexpected expenses.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 11, 2018, in the Parish Hall

Lorrie Polesky
Parish Council Secretary

