

St. Maria Goretti Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, October 11, 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: Led by Fr. Tony Ego

Roll Call: Connie Fink, Maureen Bennett, Camy Stone, Fr. Tony, Emil Maslanka, Maureen Bennett, Lorrie Polesky, Dale Witzel, Rob Nunley, and Randy Jaminet

Old Business

SMG Website

Website event topics for November include the following:

- An article about the results of Fr. Jim's Memorial Dinner Benefit.
- An announcement about the holiday dinner at Mary, Our Lady of Peace on December 9th.

Open Council Positions

- There is one high school position opening on the Parish Council.
- Dale Witzel has agreed to return to Parish Council to continue a term that expires in 2020.
- Mark Fennel has accepted a three year term that will expire in 2021.

Fr. Jim's Memorial Dinner Benefit

- The net proceeds of the dinner with sponsorships and donations totaled \$8100. Nearly \$2000 in donations has been received since the dinner.
- Randy proposed that future fundraising for Fr. Jim's Education Memorial be led by the DeBisschop family rather than becoming a parish responsibility.

Church Beam Insect Eradication and Damage Assessment

- Roberto Alleruzzo has scheduled Ali Gharamti, principal of Structural Engineering Specialist, to inspect the church ceiling beams on October 22 at 10:00 AM to determine if structural damage has occurred. His inspection cost estimate is \$1000. He will use the church's ladders, and Roberto will be there to help him.
- Kenny's Pest Control will treat the remaining ceiling beams on October 24 at 1:00 PM to ensure that the carpenter ants have been eradicated. Kenny's quote for this work is \$350.

New Business

Coal Valley Trunk or Treat Night

- The Black Hawk Bank is again organizing Trunk or Treat Night to take place on October 23 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the municipal park in Coal Valley. Connie Fink and Randy Jaminet will represent our parish and pass out candy.
- Parish Council members will donate candy.

Holiday Dinner

- The holiday dinner with Mary, Our Lady of Peace Parish will take place on Sunday, December 9, at 11:30 AM at MOLOP.
- Adult parish members will be invited to sign up to attend the dinner.
- MOLOP Parish Council will order the turkey, dressing, vegetable, and desserts and serve the meal.
- SMG will purchase 7 Layer Salads and dinner rolls from the IGA store in Orion.
- The SMG Parish Council will help with clean up after the dinner.

Capital Improvement Planning

- The Renovation Committee met on October 10 to prioritize the renovation proposals based on the planning study results and to discuss the next steps for the capital campaign.
- The planning study showed that there was favorable support for church renovations but little support for adding a parking lot. There was some support for adding extra storage, hiring a pastoral associate, and remodeling the kitchen.

- Margaret Francescon was interested in gifting a wooden storage shed that would sit on cement blocks close to the church. This was approved by the committee.
- Aaron Venker will do a financial study of the Capital Improvement Fund.
- The committee needs to determine how much money the parish should retain in the fund and to find out the process for spending funds.

Social Time after 4:00 Mass

- Camy Stone proposed that the Parish Council serve wine and cheese after an upcoming Saturday 4:00 Mass. It was decided that Camy and Lorrie Polesky will set up and serve the wine and cheese on December 1st after Mass.

Random Acts of Kindness

- Maureen Bennett mentioned that St. Ambrose Parish in Milan takes up a collection for performing random acts of kindness in the community. She wondered if SMG could do something similar to promote positive feelings about the Catholic Church.
- The Parish Council will consider Maureen's proposal at next month's meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 6:00 PM in the parish hall.

Lorrie Polesky

Secretary of SMG Parish Council