

St. Maria Goretti Parish Council Minutes

Monday, October 29, 2018

Parish Vision Statement: Diverse in age, talent 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: Fr. Tony Ego, Dale Witzel, Patti Jo Brown, Randy Jaminet, Camy Stone, Brian Stone, Lorrie Polesky, Emil Maslanka, Maureen Bennett, Mark Fennell, Roberto Alleruzzo, Nancy Robison, John Kratt, and Deacon Tom Gainey

Repair of St. Maria Goretti Church

Fr. Tony requested that the Parish Council and the Renovation Committee meet with him to discuss the repair of St. Maria Goretti Church after the car accident on October 25th which caused considerable damage to the exterior and interior of the church.

Fr. Tony said that the Diocese of Peoria had contractors that they would recommend to do the repair work.

Melissa Block, a Claims Risk Manager for Catholic Mutual Group Insurance, was working with the Diocese and Fr. Tony on the inspections.

John Mahon had blueprints of the church, and architectural drawings had been located in the archives.

Fr. Tony reported that the interior of the church had been cleaned up.

A structural engineer needed to analyze the extent of the damage and the safety of the church and hall before people could use the building.

Fr. Tony reported that the church itself would not be available for services until late spring or early summer 2019. He was concerned about keeping the parish community connected and together. Until further notice, weekend masses would be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday and 8:30 and 10:00 AM on Sunday at Mary, Our Lady of Peace Church.

If the SMG parish hall is deemed safe to use, masses can be held there. After the structural engineer inspects the building, a decision can be made about the use of the hall. CCD classes and some meetings can be held in the SMG parish office building.

Fr. Tony plans to send a letter to the parishioners of SMG to keep them informed about the progress of the church repair work.

Camy will send pictures of the church to Pam Wilks and Rob Nunley to post on the SMG website and flickr.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 6:00 PM in the SMG parish office building.

Lorrie Polesky

Parish Council Secretary