

St. Maria Goretti Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 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, Camy Stone, Dale Witzel, Patti Jo Brown, Maureen Bennett, Lorrie Polesky, Emil Maslanka

Old Business

SMG Website

Pam Wilks will update the website event topics for November which include:

- Holiday Dinner on December 9, 2018, at Mary, Our Lady of Peace
- Mass Schedule in the Parish Hall at SMG
- Advent

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Camy Stone sent pictures of the interior and exterior of SMG to Rob Nunley to upload to flickr.

Church Beam Insect Eradication and Damage Assessment

Kenny's Pest Control treated the remaining ceiling beams to ensure the carpet ants were eradicated. Ali Gharamti, principal of Structural Engineering Specialist, inspected the beams to determine if structural damage had occurred. No structural concerns were found. This work was completed a few days prior to the truck crash into the church wall.

Trunk or Treat Night

Connie Fink and Randy and Chris Jaminet handed out candy to 450 young children on October 23rd at the Coal Valley Park.

New Business

Capital Improvement Planning

The next Renovation Committee meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2018. Analysis is underway to educate the committee on SMG's financial trends of operating revenue and budgets with a detailed explanation of Catholic school assessments, demographic

study including trends on Mass attendance and young Catholic families within our community.

At the October 10th meeting, an offer from the family of Margaret Francescon was made to purchase a prefabricated storage building to be placed on the south side of the church building in the northeast corner of the parking lot. The purpose of the outbuilding is to store the items used by the Art and Environment group that are currently being stored in several different places on the church property. The gift offer was accepted by the committee. A project manager will be appointed by Camy Stone for this project.

Holiday Dinner

Mary, Our Lady of Peace is hosting the annual holiday dinner for adults on December 9, 2018, at 11:30. A signup sheet has been placed on a table in the vestibule at SMG so that MOLOP will know the number of guests attending from our parish.

Mary, Our Lady of Peace Parish Council will be in charge of the turkey, dressing, vegetable, and desserts and also serve meals. St. Maria Goretti Parish Council will provide the salads and dinner rolls and help with clean up. Food will be ordered from IGA in Orion. Maureen Bennett will contact Nancy about ordering the rolls and salads.

Activities at St. Maria Goretti

All meetings and CCD classes will be held in the Parish Office building. The structural engineer approved the use of the Parish Hall for Masses. The damaged beam in the church has been shored up. Fr. Tony said that it was uncertain if the beam could be repaired or if it would have to be replaced. The tabernacle has been moved to the library in the hall.

Fr. Tony reported that new flooring for the church was being looked at on Wednesday, November 14.

Mark Fennell asked about plans for Christmas Eve Mass at SMG. There was a discussion about moving the Mass to another site to accommodate a larger than normal crowd, possibly Trimble's Funeral Home or The Rock in Coal Valley. Fr. Tony was concerned about moving many needed items to another location. Lorrie Polesky suggested that Fr. Tony inquire about using another church building in Coal Valley for the 4:00 service as an altar and pews would already be in place. Fr. Tony decided that he would contact Trimble's Funeral Home to find out the number of available chairs and if there was an altar in the building.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019, in the Parish Office.

Lorrie Polesky
Parish Council Secretary

