

St. Maria Goretti Parish Council Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 2019

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 Ego, Dale Witzel, Patti Jo Brown, Camy Stone, Connie Fink, Emil Maslanka, Pam Wilks, Maureen Bennett, Lorrie Polesky, Mark Fennell, and Michelle St. Clair

Old Business

SMG Website

- Pam Wilks updated the website for April.
- Mark suggested that the day and time for the sacrament of Reconciliation be placed on the website. Fr. Tony said that it was on Saturday from 3:00-3:30 PM.
- A congratulatory note for those making their First Communion, receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, or graduating will be placed on the website in May.

New Business

Parish Council Membership

- Michelle St. Clair was welcomed to the council. Michelle was asked to select a council term, either the open position left by Rob Nunley or one of the terms opening in June that runs through May 2022.
- Council members were asked to consider being the Parish Council President, Vice-President, or Secretary for the next fiscal year beginning in June 2019. Positions need to be determined by the May meeting.

Church Restoration Activities

- The church arch beam repair and brick replacement are completed.
- The crank-out casement window has been replaced, stained and varnished.
- The stain glass panel has been repaired and installed.
- The replacement pews are scheduled to arrive at the end of May.
- When the pews are installed, kneeler and chair coverings will be replaced by Sauder, the pew manufacturer.
- A new podium will be purchased instead of repairing the original. Expected lead time is 10 weeks.

Church Renovation Committee Activities

- The installation of the rebuilt church ceiling lights was completed on February 26. We have brilliant light in the church. Portable scaffolding has been purchased to safely reach all ceiling lights. Total cost was \$5900.
- Agreement has been reached with our insurance carrier, Catholic Mutual Group, to source floor covering from L & L Flooring in Rock Island. Carpet tile will be installed in

the church nave, sacristy, reconciliation room and cry room. Hardwood flooring will be installed in the sanctuary.

- Sauder, the pew manufacturer, will reset the pews and install the new pews on the west side of the nave.
- Conference Technologies, Inc., (CTI) has been selected to tune-up the speaker volumes in the church, repair the speaker system in the church hall, replace the choir microphones, and add a sound mixer to integrate the Clavinova into the church and hall speaker system. This work will begin when the church restoration is completed.
- Quotes have been requested from Service Master and Advanced Services to thoroughly clean the church and hall. This will be done in two phases. Phase one will occur after the floor covering is installed and the pews are reset. Phase two will include the church hall, utility room, storage room, offices, and kitchen. It will occur after we have moved Mass into the church and the hall ceiling speaker wiring is completed by CTI.
- Funds for some of the renovations will come from our Diocesan Aid account.

Fr. Tony's Administrative Report
Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Annual Diocesan Appeal Campaign kicked off on the weekend of April 6-7. Our parish goal is \$38, 323. Any money pledged over that amount will be returned to the parish.

The next parish council meeting will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 6:00 PM in the parish hall.

Lorrie Polesky, Parish Council Secretary