

St. Maria Goretti Parish Parish Council Minutes – JANUARY 2021

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.*

Parish Council Members: *Emil Maslanka –President, Mark Fennell–Vice President, Pam Wilks–Secretary, Henry Hicks, Glenda Mahalla, Dale Langel, Marcia Jacobs, Kathy Doyle, Steve Hoffman, Father Anthony (Tony) Ego - Pastor, Camy Stone and John Kratt –Trustees.*

Father Tony opened the meeting with prayer. In attendance were: Emil Maslanka, Mark Fennell, Pam Wilks, Henry Hicks, Glenda Mahalla, Marcia Jacobs, Father Tony. Absent were: Kathy Doyle, Steve Hoffman, Dale Langel and Camy Stone.

OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ **Alternative Non-Social Fund Raising Activities:** Barb Ziegenhorn from Mary Our Lady of Peace (MOLOP) joined the group to review the virtual 2020 MOLOP Fall Gala, held on 14 November 2020. We reviewed the Summary Sheet, Invitation, Listing of auction items, Ticket(s).

History: The Gala started 18 years ago in order to help pay for the church restoration. The proceeds go to paying off the debt and/or operating expenses, proceeds do not go to the general fund. At the beginning, 500 tickets were sold at a cost of \$100/ticket. Designed to mirror Alleman's Heritage Ball ticket price. Over the years, the number of tickets purchased have decreased. Gifts are usually in the \$250 or higher range. Silent auction items are of lesser value. Generally there is a catered sit-down meal that is served at no cost; however, donations are accepted. Music provided, alcohol served. Had to be present to win the grand prize. Profits were generally in the \$36K - \$40K.

Committee: There are approximately 15 people on the Committee. It takes about three months to put the event together.

2020 Event: Attended by mostly MOLOP parishioners (about 10-15 SMG parishioners participated). There were approximately 150 – 200 virtual attendees. No meal due to Covid-19. There were 287 tickets sold, with 5 free tickets earned. There were 30 \$100 tickets sold the night of the event. Each parishioner is urged to purchase one or two tickets. 2021 Event will be held on Saturday, 23 October.

If SMG decides to hold a similar event, the date should not be in conflict with MOLOP date.

- ◆ SMG Website: Each item on the website is being reviewed, updated if appropriate, deleted if no longer necessary. Committee chairs will be contacted and Committee members updated as necessary.
- ◆ ADA Strategy to Make Up Shortfall: December results have not come in. However, it appears the shortfall is approximately \$4500. Father Tony is hopeful SMG will come in close to the \$32K goal.
- ◆ Status on Contacting Parishioners: There is one remaining council member who is working on their listing. We will reach out and see if assistance is required so the project can be concluded. Glenda Mahalla will obtain the list and let us know if help is needed.
- ◆ Amazon Smile Program: Additional information is needed before this can be rolled out to Parishioners. There is not a lot of money involved in the initiative but every dollar helps.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Agenda Items for February/March Council Meeting: Everyone is asked to submit to the President their vision for a SMG fund raiser (informal vs formal). Send as soon as possible.
- ◆ Check on number of families/active families in the Parish. Knowing this information can help with future planning.
- ◆ It was suggested that we start playing music during various parts of the Mass using taped music. Previously, when musicians were out of town or absent, there was taped music for the singers. Perhaps John Mahon or BJ has some recorded music.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, 11 February 2021. Father Tony concluded the meeting with Prayer.