

ST. MARIA GORETTI PARISH COUNCIL

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.*

Council Duties: *Council Members act as an advisory group to the pastor and share in the responsibility of keeping the Parish focused on its pastoral mission and ministry. Members are appointed for a three-year term and should be active members of the Parish during their term. The Council meets ten times a year, the second Thursday of each month.*

Council Members: *Father Tony Ego, Pastor, Emil Maslanka, President (2021), Mark Fennell, Vice President (2021), Pam Wilks, Secretary (2022), Henry Hicks (2022), Dale Langel (2022), Marcia Jacobs (2023), Steve Hoffman (2023), Kathy Doyle (2023), Glenda Mahalla (2023), Trustees Camy Stone and John Kratt.*

COUNCIL MINUTES – 13 August 2020

The Zoom meeting began with an opening prayer led by Father Tony. Attending were: Mark Fennell, Pam Wilks, Marcia Jacobs, Dale Langel, Kathy Doyle, Father Tony, Camy Stone. Absent were: Emil Maslanka, Glenda Mahalla and Steve Hoffman.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SMG Website:** Pam Wilks reported she is still in the process of reviewing the entire Website. She will present at the next meeting the pages she feels should be eliminated or combined. She also reviewed the usage and will provide Council members with printed information when we next meet in person.
- **Progress on the Re-opening of the Church (COVID-19):** Music can begin if a musician can be scheduled. B. J. Keegan may be able to play. Lectors can return. Camy will contact Jammie Jamieson to get Lectors scheduled. Jennifer is returning to school so she will no longer be able to video the weekday masses.
- **Council Member Recruitment:** Verbal introductions were made for Glenda Mahalla and Kathy Doyle. It was announced that Steve Hoffman accepted the last open position. Hello to our new members.
- **Alternative non-social fundraising activities:** Members were asked to come up with ideas on how to raise money for the Parish. Weekly contributions are down quite a bit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Additional item(s) from Father Tony and/or Council members: Mark Fennell brought forth the suggestion of evangelization. With fewer people attending Mass and/or Communion, it may be a good idea and time for parishioners to be contacted to see if there is anything they need help with. Kathy Doyle offered to get a list of available resources for those in need. Perhaps

members of Parish Council could take time to either call or do an in-person visit. More discussion at the next Council meeting.

- Annual Diocesan Appeal: ADA information will be introduced the third weekend in September. SMG's goal is approximately \$33,000.
- The Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tylka was held at St. Pius Church on Saturday, 22 August 2020. Ten representatives from St. Maria Goretti were invited to attend the Mass. Following Mass, an open reception was held for anyone who wanted to attend.

NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10 September 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and will be an in-person meeting in the Parish Hall.** Each member is asked to bring their own chair so no cleaning will be required following the meeting. In the future, if a Zoom meeting is required, please remember to mute your speaker if there are others in close proximity to you.

The meeting concluded with a prayer led by Father Tony.

Submitted by Pam Wilks