

## **St. Maria Goretti Parish Parish Council Minutes – 8 October 2020**

***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.*

The meeting was called to order by President, Emil Maslanka. Father Tony led the Committee in opening prayer. In attendance were: Father Tony, Camy Stone, Emil Maslanka, Steve Hoffman, Kathy Doyle, Pam Wilks, Henry Hicks, Dale Langel and Jennifer Schnell. Absent were Mark Fennell, Marcia Jacobs and Glenda Mahalla.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- ◆ SMG Website: Some review has been done to date, no decisions made on adding or deleting what is currently viewable. Looking at changing headings on the home page, deleting stale-dated items and not replacing, showing Committees under one heading, adding a picture of committee members once we are able to gather, having a picture of each committee's members, update history of the Parish, delete the remaining photo of Father Jim and replace with a current photo of Parish activities.
- ◆ Progress On Reopening Of The Church (COVID-19): Lectors have been added. Microphones are better. No decision on when to add singers. Masses will continue as is, no changes planned at this time.
- ◆ ADA : Urge Parishioners to consider a donation. No update at this time as far as how many Parishioners have responded or the amount donated.
- ◆ Non-Social Fund Raising Activities: Some type of raffle was suggested. Online auction was discussed but may be cost-prohibitive and volunteer intensive. What can be raffled? Currently, SMG is holding their own financially. Overall, contributions are down 10%-15% as of fiscal year ending June 2020.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ◆ Live-Stream Improvements of Masses: Jennifer Schnell announced she is no longer available to live-stream the daily Masses due to her return to work. She is looking for someone to take over the task for Wednesday and Friday Masses at SMG. Jennifer has donated the equipment needed and has created instructions on what is required and will be happy to teach someone. *Thank you Jennifer for your expertise, generosity and time commitment to our Parish.*
- ◆ Contacting Parishioners – Kathy Doyle and Glenda Mahalla: In response to Mark Fennell's suggestion of doing some evangelization within our Parish, packets have been created by Kathy and Glenda. Packets were handed out to each Committee member at the meeting. Within each packet are approximately twenty names and contact information. Members are asked to contact each person listed. Notations are requested next to each name; i.e., no contact made, new phone number,

- situation of shared, etc. In addition to checking on Parishioners, this is a good way to update phone numbers, addresses, etc. It would be helpful to have all the contacting done prior to Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Exterior Condition of the Rectory – Henry Hicks: Henry suggested the Rectory is in need of power washing/painting. He and his wife, Chris, will generously donate \$500 toward the project. Jennifer Schnell's husband paints and will provide a paint estimate. However, he would be unable to paint at this time due to his schedule. It was also brought up that the church landscaping needs to be taken care of. While some Parishioners help with the task, there is much that needs to be done. Pam Wilks offered to get a couple of quotes on clean-up.
  - ◆ Additional Item(s) From Father Tony/Council Members: Nothing at this time.

The meeting was concluded by Father Tony leading the group in Prayer.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020. Committee members will be notified as to whether we will again meet on-site or via Zoom meeting**

Respectfully Submitted By Pam Wilks