

St. Maria Goretti Parish Parish Council Minutes – 19 November 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.*

***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.*

On 19 November 2020, 6:00 p.m., the Parish Council met via Zoom. In attendance were: Father Tony, Emil Maslanka, Mark Fennell, Pam Wilks, Glenda Mahalla, Marcia Jacobs, Steve Hoffman, Henry Hicks, Kathy Doyle and Camy Stone. Absent was Dale Langel.

Father Tony opened the meeting with prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Updates – No updates

Proposed Revisions to the Website – Suggested reminding parishioners to contact the Parish office and update their contact information. As Christmas Mass times and other information becomes available, the information will be posted.

Reopening the Church – Emil Maslanka suggested going back to having music and singing in church. BJ Keegan and Alice Maslanka have indicated they are willing to resume the music/singing at the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass. Musicians/singers are needed for Sunday Mass. Suggestion was to check with Alleman High School to see if any teens are interested.

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) – We are less than \$5000 from our Parish goal. Fantastic news!! It was suggested we get information to Parishioners regarding how to donate ADA through auto payment. Father will let Nancy know of this need.

Alternative Non-Social Fund Raising Activities - Father Tony gave an update on Mary Our Lady of Peace annual auction. They did a great job with their online auction/raffle. If we did something like this we would have to set up the hall, obtain items, verify good internet connectivity. The event lasted about two hours, had about 15 people on the phones, etc. Will get additional information from the MLOP Committee. Would also need an auctioneer. First prize was \$5000, second prize was about \$1700. Still working on getting final numbers. Contact person is Barb Ziegenhorn. Father Tony and the MLOP Parish council were instrumental in making the fundraiser a success. Barb Ziegenhorn will be contacted and asked to speak to our Council during our January 2021 meeting.

It was brought up that since we are a 501(c) non-profit, Amazon donates 10% of

eligible purchases back to the non-profit. Amazon Smile Program. Eligible purchase items vary. We would need to obtain our ID and then share it with Parishioners.

Status on Contacting Parishioners: Pam Wilks, Henry Hicks, Dale Langel and Steve Hoffman are still working on their lists. All other Council members have completed their calls and turned in their results to Nancy Robison for updating.

Exterior Condition of Rectory and Landscaping Project – Need an estimate from Jennifer Schnell's husband as far as cost to power wash and/or paint the Parish house. Cleanup day was very successful.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Mass Information: Father Tony asked if Council thought additional Masses needed to be added. Currently, there are anywhere between 50 and 75 Mass attendees during a weekend. Consensus was to leave the Mass times alone, don't add more Masses, set up the Hall with socially distanced seating for overflow. Father Tony will revisit the issue in mid-December. For St. Maria Goretti, Father Duane Jack will officiate on Christmas Eve and Father Tony will officiate on Christmas Day.

Additional Items from Father Tony / Council Members: Still working on microphone issues. The sound is better on videos but still needs more work. Camy Stone wanted to thank Randy Jaminet and Roberto Alleruzzo for putting finishing touches on the Environmental Shed, including getting steps in place and installing lighting inside and outside the building. Camy Stone fixed the landscaping. Thank you to the three of them for improving the property.

Father Tony closed the meeting with prayer. There is no meeting scheduled for December 2020. The next meeting will be held on 14 January 2021. Council members will be notified if it will be an in-person meeting or Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Wilks