

St. Maria Goretti Parish Council Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

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.

Attending were Marcia Jacobs, Henry Hicks, Pam Wilks, Mark Fennell and Father Tony. Absent was Trustee Crystal Arnold. Father Tony opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

- Review of our plan for music/singers at Mass. Still searching. Made headway with music by having the songs pre-recorded. Mike Breeden lists the songs for the Saturday evening Mass. Marcia Jacobs is manning the clavinova. Help is still needed.
- Comments about our joint Parish Mission with Mary Our Lady of Peace. The Mission was well received and approximately 100 people participated each night. There will be more information regarding the Mission at a later date.
- Review our ministry at Hope Creek Nursing Home. While there are still no Masses being said (no ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday), the issue is still being discussed. Father Tony will provide update(s).

New Business:

- Discuss a date for the St. Maria Goretti Parish 50th Anniversary. The celebration date will be 17 July and lunch will be provided. Bishop Tylka will be attending, and previous pastors have been/will be invited, along with Sister Sandra, Sister JT, previous parishioners who provided services. It was suggested that a spaghetti dinner be served since St. Maria was Italian. A lunch/brunch could be offered as an alternative. Committees must be formed to include but not limited to: History of the Parish (Nancy Robison agreed to chair the committee), Food Committee, Environmental Committee for decorations, Video of old photographs (ask Parishioners to submit any pictures they may have), gather photographs of past Pastors for permanent display in the Parish Hall, some type of meaningful giveaway for someone who is attending (is there any way to get something blessed from the Pope. Have attended weddings where a rosary or other item is blessed and given), perhaps get one of the younger girls to dress as Maria and go from table to table giving her history, etc.
- Discuss whether to pursue plans for a new parish directory. It was agreed that the 50th Anniversary would be a good time. Could occur in September/October timeframe, in time for Christmas. Marcia Jacobs will review details and update the Council at our next meeting.
- Set preliminary plans for our second annual Fall Festival. This year's date is September 18th and will once again be held at The Rock. Type of Festival, committees, etc. to be determined.

- Discuss Lenten/Easter services. Services during lent have been posted in the weekly bulletin and the website. Once we get closer to Palm Sunday, more details will be released.

Father Tony's Administrative Report and additional items. No additional items.

Father Tony closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be held on 11 March 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the SMG Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Wilks

