

**St Maria Goretti
Parish Council Meeting
June 20, 2017**

Present: Msgr. Fr. Burke, Kathy Grzybowski, Linda Eckstein, Tom Gulley, Patricia Frazak, Ken Brown, Dick Martin, Jerome Buhman, Julie Rae, Peter Worman, Tom Tierney, and guests (Gina Neuville, and Jane Henneberry)

Excused: Father Tafadzwa , Tim Endres, Frank Peregrine, Jeff Peterson, Mary Jean Patterson, Kevin Streeter, Rocky Welsing.

Opening Prayer: Father Mike led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The council approved the May 2017 parish council meeting minutes.

Finance Council: Father Mike reported that we are under budget this year. June 30th is the end of our fiscal year. Father Mike reported that everyone on the finance council is staying on for another year. Tom Tierney reported that they are meeting next week. They are discussing an audit of the parish this year with Father Mike leaving and Father Bob coming in as our parish administrator. This is good stewardship. There are many changes on our staff. Laurie Fleurette is taking over as Director of Administration. Father Mike reported that Father Bob has experience in auditing parishes and fixing concerns in the dioceses of Seattle.

Administrative: There are many changes on our staff. Laurie Fleurette is our new Director of Administration. Deacon Jerome Bulman will replace Sr. Marge as Director of Pastoral Care. We have learned that Becky Phillips will be leaving her position as Youth Ministry Director. We will be looking to replace this position. Parish Council will stay intact. We have one position to appoint and Father Mike will appoint someone before he retires. Jeff Peterson will become the chair, Kevin Streeter the vice chair and Ken Brown will be the secretary.

Vison of Hope: Lynn Thompson was here and updated the council on plans related to the relic of St Maria Goretti. They are in the process of developing a display for the relic from St Maria Goretti's home in Nettuno Italy. We are hoping that we will be named a sister parish to this parish. Father Carlos is helping with this. It is a complex process. We continue to work on a project to have a statue of the holy family in our vestibule. The group is meeting with Joe Stemper to see what materials we can build this statue out of wood, bronze and marble. Vogel construction would have to affix the statue to the building. Turnaround time is unknown. We have been fundraising for this project and are still accepting donations to complete this project. The cost of this will be over \$30,000.00.

Gina Neuville, a member of the young adult group and the education and faith formation commission introduced an idea of a parish service fair. The members discussed this and felt that it was a great idea. Many of the commission discussed that this could occur as part of a pancake breakfast. The goal would be to introduce members to the different aspects of our parish.

Commission reports:

Worship and prayer- Linda Eckstein reported that this commission is ready to be involved in a service fair. They discussed this with the education and formation commission.

Social Justice and Outreach- no meeting

Stewardship and Development –No meeting

Education and Faith Formation- The group discussed a service fair on the weekend of September 9. This would occur on the day of the pancake breakfast. They are also looking a Marian prayer stations, small group meetings, and book discussions.

Parish Life- The group discussed a parish service fair in connection with the pancake breakfast. This may be a better way to welcome new members and to encourage people to volunteer. This event would take the place of the new parishioner welcome committee. We would use a slide show of events in the parish. We would not have a speaker list. The group discussed how to get people involved. Service hours were discussed and how to improve this system.

Vocations- Did not meet

Parochial Vicar Update- No report.

Pastor Update- Father Mike thanked the council members for their service. He is grateful for the council's guidance and support in the parish mission. Father Mike has been working with Father Bob and assisting with the transition. Father Bob has family in Milton, Janesville and near Appleton. Father Mike assures us that he will stay in touch, but he needs to let the transition occur. Father Mike has appointed Julie Rae for another term as trustee and Tom Tierney's term is for another year. They are a great resource for the parish. Father Mike will appoint another member to the council. It is important that the council stay intact, as it is important for oversight of the parish. We are lucky to have Monica, Ruth and Laurie on the administrative staff. They are important to keeping our finances transparent. Father Mike is very appreciative of the finance council; they are such a strong group for the parish. It was great to have Father Dominic here last week for all the masses. Martha Doherty is awesome in keeping the web site up to date. Father Mike reported that we need to hire a Youth Ministry Director as Becky is leaving to go to a different parish. Father Mike reminded us of two critical areas that are important to the parish. Liturgy is the foundation and we are lucky to have Sr. Denise in this position. Pastoral care is also so important to our parish. Father Mike asked the council to help with keeping these areas strong in our parish. Liz and Ann are the best principal and vice principal for the school. We have learned that there is no turnover at the school this next year. The young adults are an important part of this parish and we need them to keep the parish alive. Senior members of our parish have a lot of wisdom. We are grateful to Pat Doherty and his team who help keep the parish clean. Dave Farrey is helpful in keeping our school clean. Continue to help Father Tafadzwa develop as a priest. Father Mike said even though he is retiring he is still involved on seven committees for the diocese. Father Mike thanked all of us again and closed with his signature line.....Keep HOPE ALIVE!!!

Closing Prayer- Father Mike closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by,

Linda Eckstein
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