

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2010

I. Opening Prayer

Msgr. Gentili opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Roll Call

Present: Marilee Beyer, John Blank, Kim Brown, Joseph Cannella, Vince Furlong, Angela Guidone, Anne Kane, Lawrence Senour, Barbara Tramo, Msgr. Gentili, Deacon Bob Gohde

Excused: Mark Wetzel, Pamela Miller, Father Navit

III. Scripture Reflection

Kim Brown led the Scripture Reflection.

Joe Cannella will lead the Scripture Reflection for the May 5, 2010, meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous (March 3rd) Pastoral Council Meeting

The minutes were approved as written. Minutes will be posted to the website.

V. Report By Ex Officio Members (Finance, Adult Faith Formation, Religious Ed)

** Before the Ex Officio members reported, Msgr. Gentili briefed us on the positive relationship that has been established with Buckingham Township board. Msgr. Gentili emphasized that the township has been very positive about the church building and the change requests. Msgr. Gentili noted that this is significant and that we should all promote this positive relationship between OLG and Buckingham Twp.

Finance Council: No new updates since there was not a Finance Council meeting during the past month.

Adult Faith Formation: Anne Kane provided an update on the Bible Study progress. The Lenten series was well-attended. A Rosary group will be held for four weeks during the month of May and will be announced in the bulletin and website. A summer book club will start in June.

Bereavement Committee – Anne Kane provided an update and Msgr. Gentili commented that the Bereavement Committee has been very helpful and that the person-to-person “grass roots” contact is very important to “building up” and growing the parish and having parishioners return. Carol Ann suggested and posed the question should the Bereavement Committee perhaps have a 6 month follow-up once initial contact has been made. Other suggestions were made and will be passed on to the Bereavement Committee.

Religious Education (PREP) – Carol Ann Ernst reported in Pamela’s absence. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 10th. First Holy Communion is May 1,

2010. PREP tuition rates will be discussed at the next Finance Council meeting. Msgr. Gentili and Carol Ann commented on the smooth transition of PREP classes from Holicong to Cold Spring Creamery School. Msgr. Gentili also noted that a positive relationship has been established with the Cold Spring Creamery school principal which is important for future communications.

VI. Updates

- 1. Land development process** – Msgr. Gentili reported that the building process has been moving along. Deacon Gohde distributed the Parish Update “fact sheet” that will be distributed at the Town Hall meetings which are being held for the next two weeks after masses. Msgr. Gentili will deliver a Power Point presentation to the parishioners with renderings of the recent changes along with visuals of the building plans. The presentation will also include visuals of the rectory and building progress. Deacon Gohde explained the figures on the fact sheet, and provided an explanation of the history of the phases and the facts and figures. Msgr. Gentili and Deacon Gohde explained the Town Hall meetings would be an opportunity for providing a background on what we have accomplished, what changes will be made, expenditures, what we have underway currently, and future expectations. Msgr. Gentili also explained that the Town Hall Meetings should be an opportunity for council members to provide support, answer questions, and offer positive comments.
- 2. Office Space Availability** – Msgr. Gentili reported that additional office space has become available at the new office site and that this would be a good opportunity to move the chapel from the Lahaska location to an available suite in the Cold Spring Office complex. This was the advisement of the bishop as well and supported by the Archdiocese. The council was in consensus that the move should take place. The chapel lease ends June 31st and will be moved and ready in July. There will also be a savings in leasing by moving the chapel to the new office location. This move will also offer much needed storage and meeting space.
- 3. Campaign Committee Update** – An update was provided by Deacon Gohde on the Campaign. Deacon reported on the outcome of the Focus Groups that were held for 4 nights in the month of March and what they heard from parishioners. It was reported that collections are up by 15%. A “silent” campaign phase is in process and the goal is to have a certain percentage raised before the public campaign begins. It was noted that it will be important to reach out to parishioners at a “grass roots” level, and building our parish community and spreading a positive message will aid in the success of the campaign.
- 4. Communications to Parish on building and related concerns – FAQ** – Mark Wetzel had emailed a document with examples and ideas of FAQ which Marilee distributed to council members. The council discussed the best way of publishing the questions and who would be the resource to provide and answer the questions. It was decided that Mark Wetzel will provide the question to Anne Kane, at the office, and the question will be researched and answered. The question and answer will be published in the bulletin as a “Did You Know” section. The question and answer will also be posted to the website.

5. **Fund Raising** – Larry Senour reported that a Beef and Beer fundraiser will be held on May 22nd. More information will be coming.
6. **Anniversary Picnic** – Vince Furlong reported that the picnic will be held midsummer. More details will become available as planning continues.

VII. Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 7:00 p.m.** at the Rectory.

** Msgr. Gentili requested a tentative, additional meeting: **June 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

VIII. Closing Prayer

Msgr. Gentili led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brown