

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2011

I. Scripture Reflection and Prayer

Msgr. Gentili opened with a prayer and Marilee Beyer led the Scripture Reflection.

II. Roll Call

Present: Marilee Beyer, John Blank, Kim Brown, Gail Downing, Carol Ann Ernst, Angela Guidone, Larry Senour, Mark Wetzell, Msgr. Gentili

Excused: Joe Cannella, Vince Furlong, Paula Furman, Deacon Gohde, Barbara Tramo

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous (Jan. 25th) Pastoral Council Meeting

The minutes were approved as written. Msgr. Gentili did reiterate the importance of the Catholic Education Report and numbers of students in PREP and Catholic school within our parish and the continued importance of our role in addressing the educational needs and formation of our parish based on these numbers.

IV. Report By Ex Officio Members (Finance, Adult Faith Formation, Religious Ed, Music, Youth Ministry)

Finance: Angela Guidone reported that a Finance Council meeting had not taken place since the last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, therefore, she had no major updates. Angela did report that the Annual Financial Report was presented to the parish and her and Msgr. Gentili stated that they had received no negative feedback.

Msgr. Gentili reported the following:

- The meeting with Bishop Senour to extend our line of credit from the Archdiocese went very well and will be approved. The Archdiocese is very supportive.
- Commitment weekend was successful and additional pledges were made.
- The official closing of the campaign was the last weekend in February although follow-up calls will continue and pledges can still be taken.

Religious Education (PREP) – Marilee Beyer reported in the absence of Meg Szewczak that a Lenten reflection series will be available to parishioners focusing on the seven last words of Christ on Thursday evenings beginning March 3rd. A Safe Environment class is being offered on March 8th. PREP parent meetings went well and parents seem to be accepting the change of Sacrament dates and location better than expected.

Music Ministry: Msgr. Gentili provided a brief update for Paula Furman. The ministry is moving in the right direction. We have added new voices and new cantors. A cherub choir has been organized.

Youth Ministry: Gail Downing reported that the Super Bowl of Caring was a great success. The youth group meeting to discuss pop-song lyrics also was very well-received. Some of the events coming up, include “To Save a Life”, which will focus on teen suicide, “Finding Christ in Narnia”, and a casserole-making service project. Gail also reported that she spoke to Confirmation parents on building a bridge to the Youth Ministry program so those confirmed can continue faith formation. The Confirmandees will be invited to the Youth Ministry barbecue to encourage participation in the Youth Ministry program.

V. Church Dedication

Dedication committees continue to meet and brief updates were provided from each committee. It was agreed that our next Parish Pastoral meeting (**Mar 31st**) will be a combined meeting of all Dedication committees so that status updates can be given, and committees can have the opportunity to coordinate efforts where necessary.

VI. Solicitation Calendar

Msgr. Gentili distributed a calendar of all solicitation events that have occurred throughout the previous year to emphasize that on several weekends we have had multiple solicitation events taking place. Although it is always good to encourage solicitation events, there is a concern that it may be too much to ask of parishioners. Msgr. Gentili proposed the idea of having a committee or policy or procedures to direct the requests that come in for solicitations. The council supported Msgr.’s ideas and discussed various ideas on policies, procedures, and guidelines that might be implemented to address this concern and “overbooking” of solicitation events.

VII. Committee For Implementation of Cardinal Rigali’s Pastoral Letter

The council followed the January, 2011 meeting agenda which focused on the “Super-Priorities” of the church which are: conversion, holiness, recommitment to faith, mission, and vocations. The council discussed the questions in the agenda. The council will be using the February, 2011 agenda for the March 31st meeting.

VIII. Nominations and Elections

Marilee Beyer led the discussion on nominations and elections and it was determined by consensus that the nomination and election process should be postponed until September due to the dedication celebration and planning required. Mark Wetzel will be coordinating the timeline.

IX. Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be **March 31, 2011, 7:00 pm**. The agenda of this meeting will be focused on the Church Dedication progress. Each committee should be prepared to provide a progress update and committees can coordinate efforts at this time if necessary. We will also be following the February, 2011, agenda of the Call to Conversion and Holiness packet from Cardinal Rigali.

- ** **May 3, 2011, 7 pm** was added as an additional meeting.
- ** Msgr. Gentili requested that New Business be added to future meeting agendas.
- ** A new Mass schedule was discussed briefly and will be announced in March. The new schedule will begin on June 12, 2011.

X. Closing Prayer

Msgr. Gentili led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brown
Secretary