

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2011

I. Opening Prayer

Msgr. Gentili opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Roll Call

Present: Marilee Beyer, John Blank, Kim Brown, Gail Downing, Carol Ann Ernst, Larry Senour, Meg Szewczak, Barbara Tramo, Msgr. Gentili

Excused: Joe Cannella, Vince Furlong, Paula Furman, Deacon Gohde, Angela Guidone, Mark Wetzel, Father Navit

III. Scripture Reflection

Marilee Beyer led the Scripture Reflection for Vince Furlong (excused).

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous (Nov. 4th) Pastoral Council Meeting

The minutes were approved as written.

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

Finance: Msgr. Gentili provided a brief update on ongoing business, expense and collection summaries. Saved details for Campaign update discussion.

Religious Education (PREP) – Meg Szewczak provided an update on PREP and Adult Faith Formation. Both are going well. A Lenten reflection series will be available to parishioners focusing on the seven last words of Christ. A Mass 101 series is also being planned and will be available to parishioners.

Music Ministry: Msgr. Gentili provided a brief update for Paula Furman. The ministry is moving in the right direction. A cherub choir is being organized for the younger youth. Hoping to recruit more male voices for the adult choir. The new church will be very well-equipped for the music ministry with state-of-the-art technology.

Youth Ministry: Gail Downing provided an update as to all the exciting Youth Ministry events that are planned for the next several weeks including the Souper Bowl of Caring, Laser Tag, Youth Mass and Meeting . Adult participation has increased. Msgr. Gentili commented that Gail and Meg work very hard together and have provided our youth with great opportunities for service and learning more about their faith.

VI. Church Dedication

Msgr. Gentili provided an update. Our Church dedication will be postponed a few weeks from April 30th to June 11th, due to circumstances beyond our control. The Beatification of Pope John Paul II is scheduled for the same weekend as our initial dedication date and will require the attendance of the Cardinal and several bishops from the Archdiocese. Msgr. Gentili pointed out that the new dedication date will be on the Vigil of the Solemnity of Pentecost which is very appropriate as we celebrate the birth of the Universal church and our new church.

This change in dates does require us to implement our backup plan for Communion and Confirmation. Communion will be held on April 30, 2011, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Confirmation will be May 14, 2011, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Letters have been sent to parishioners regarding the changes, and Msgr. Gentili will speak to parishioners. Msgr. Gentili will also speak to parents of Communion and Confirmation candidates regarding the changes.

Dedication committees continue to meet and brief updates were provided on their progress.

VII. Letter to Bishop Fitzgerald

Msgr. Gentili distributed a copy of his letter to Bishop Fitzgerald requesting additional credit to cover the potential for a cash flow deficit due to a number of unforeseen circumstances. Msgr. Gentili explained the letter and enclosures and the preparation of the document to be presented to the College of Consultors for formal approval for the additional line of credit.

VIII. Annual Review of Catholic Education Report

Msgr. Gentili provided a report on the status and numbers of PREP students and Catholic school students within our parish. The numbers were discussed, along with budget amounts that are allotted for PREP and subsidizing Catholic education. A key area of concern is providing continued faith formation to our youth in seventh through twelfth grades. A discussion took place on how we might keep youth interested. It was agreed we have the right infrastructure in place with our PREP program and Youth Ministry programs and we are making progress.

IX. Committee For Implementation of Cardinal Rigali's Pastoral Letter

The Pastoral Council will be the committee designated to participate in the implementation of the of the Cardinal's Pastoral Letter. A copy of the letter and a packet with a timeline and agendas for the implementation and the meetings was provided. The council members should read over the packet and be prepared to discuss and follow the agenda in future meetings. The agendas contain "super-priorities" of Mass, Confession, and Vocation and the council will be committed to addressing these priorities for our parish.

X. Pastoral Council Nominations

A brief discussion was held on the Nomination process and how we should approach the process this year. Council members should be prepared to decide on a process and timeline for the next meeting.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 23, 2011, **7:00 pm**, at the Rectory.

XII. Closing Prayer

Msgr. Gentili led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brown
Secretary