

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 4, 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, Kim Brown, Carol Ann Ernst, Vince Furlong, Larry Senour, Msgr. Gentili

Excused: John Blank, Joe Cannella, Gail Downing, Paula Furman, Deacon Gohde, Angela Guidone, Meg Szewczak, Barbara Tramo, Mark Wetzel

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous (March 31st) Pastoral Council Meeting

The minutes were approved as written.

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

Finance: Msgr. Gentili reported on behalf of Angela. Msgr. Gentili discussed the costs of the Dedication celebration. Those costs will be kept separate from the operating costs. Msgr. reviewed expenditures and the overall financial progress, and said that Ed Zapisek and the Finance Council are working to prepare a better picture of the overall fiscal plan. Msgr. reported that overall, the financial picture continues to be moving in a positive direction.

Religious Education (PREP) – Marilee Beyer reported in the absence of Meg Szewczak. First Communion was on April 30th, and it was beautiful thanks to the Catechists. PREP is in its last two weeks, and the whole year went very smoothly. Registrations for PREP will be online, and payment will be accepted through PayPal. Responses to this online method have been positive. Confirmation is May 14th. During the summer months, a book club, a Bible study on the Torah, and “All About Mass” courses are being offered to adults. There is a new addendum to the Safe Environment course which needs to be completed by June 30th. It is via the Internet and Meg will send information to all ministries soon.

Music Ministry: Msgr. Gentili reported for Paula Furman that the ministry is continuing to grow. The council discussed how beautiful the music was at the Easter Masses and how beautifully the music has rapidly progressed over the past months.

Youth Ministry: Marilee reported for Gail. A youth group leadership group has been formed, and they will assist Gail with planning for 2011-12. The youth group

leadership team visited the PREP Confirmation classrooms to invite the candidates to the year-end youth group barbecue. Weekly visits to Point Pleasant Pediatric Facility have begun and are going well. The experience is very moving for the group. The new Dessert and Discussion series will be on the movie, Heart of a Soul Surfer. Planning is underway for the 2011 – 2012 year. Msgr. Gentili also discussed that Gail and Meg have really created a great, solid infrastructure to build on.

V. Church Dedication

A status was provided by each committee:

- 1) **Invitations** – Larry Senour and Barbara Tramo – Larry reported that the invitations had been sent and RSVPs are due by May 23rd. A “Helpful Hints” for the Dedication Mass will be in the bulletin.
- 2) **Reception** – Carol Ann Ernst and Kim Brown – Kim Brown reported that Karen Talocci has requested permits from the township. Brillman’s made a change in the location of the tents due to the landscaping layout and needing additional space for the tents.
- 3) **Menu** – Angela Guidone -- No update.
- 4) **Booklets** – Marilee Beyer and Gail Downing. Marilee discussed the Mass booklet and the contents.

VI. Call to Conversion and Holiness – Second Meeting Agenda

Using the Second Meeting Agenda from the Call to Conversion and Holiness document, the Council examined ways and discussed plans of how our parish can foster a deeper appreciation of the Mass as well as opportunities to invite non-participating Catholics to return to Mass. Based on the discussion, the council should consider for future reflection and further discussion the following areas that will help parishioners to participate and understand the Mass in a fuller way:

- 1) Homilies
- 2) Music
- 3) Social functions after Masses that bring parishioners together
- 4) The ways in which the Liturgical rubrics are implemented
- 5) The ministerial programs that are being offered are relevant to the needs of the parish and that they are presented in the bulletins and on our website.

VII. New Business

Continued preparation for the Pastoral Council Nomination process. This is ongoing and should be ready for the September timeframe. Mark Wetzel is the contact. Any ideas or assistance on this would be appreciated.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7 p.m.

IX. Closing Prayer

Msgr. Gentili led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brown
Secretary