

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2011

### I. Scripture Reflection and Prayer

Msgr. Gentili opened with a prayer. Mark Wetzel lead the prayer from the October 2011 Meeting Agenda and read from the Bible (Acts 2:42-47). See V below for discussion points.

### II. Roll Call

Present: Kim Brown, Vince Furlong, Angela Guidone, Larry Senour, Meg Szewczak, Mike Streb, Barbara Tramo, Mark Wetzel, Msgr. Gentili

Excused: Gail Downing, Carol Ann Ernst, Paula Furman, Deacon Gohde

### III. Approval of Minutes from Previous (September 14, 2011) Pastoral Council Meeting

The minutes were approved as written. Minutes will be posted to the Website by Barbara Tramo.

### IV. Report by Ex Officio Members (Finance, Religious Education and Adult Formation, Youth Ministry)

**Finance Council:** Angela Guidone reported the following highlights: New members are Tim Cathers, Richard Clark, Joseph Funk and John Soffronoff. Fiscal year to date July '10 to June '11 shows a balance of \$32,000.00 compared to July '09 to June '10 deficit of \$16,832.00.

**Income:** Collections continue to increase by 15% a weekend since June. The weekly *Bulletin* has returned approximately \$2,500 a month.

**Expenses:** The cost of the Dedication was \$155,000. Set up of Juan Diego Chapel was nominal. These were one-time expenses that will not reoccur. The outstanding loan for the church is 11 million dollars. A sub-committee has been formed to explore options to address the campaign shortfall and the loan.

Next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011.

**Religious Education:** Meg Szewczak reported that PREP is going well with registrations still ongoing. The Bible series now in progress include Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom; A Biblical Walk through the Mass, and a Quick Journey through the Bible. Information regarding times and dates are in each week's Bulletin.

In November there will be another Safe Environment class.

**Youth Ministry:** In Gail Downing's absence Meg reported on youth information. New times for Youth Masses: at St. Martin, starting 10/2, Mass is the first Sunday of each month @ 11AM while Youth Mass at OLG will be the third Saturday @ 5PM beginning 11/19.

Upcoming events: JAM Mass - On 10/9 @ 5PM Father Thomas Lewandowski from St. Camillus Parish, New Castle, Pa "jams" all he can in teaching about different parts of

the Mass. More information may be found in the Bulletin.

On 10/10 teens, as well as all parishioners, are encouraged to participate in OLG's first American Red Cross Blood Drive. Participation counts for community service. On 10/29 a Corn Maze will be held at Howell Living History Farm from 7 to 9PM.

The Retreat in Lancaster County on 10/30 has over 30 teens from OLG already registered. Deadline is 10/24.

**V. Implementation of In-Depth Evaluation of Parish Life:** (Called to Conversion and Holiness)

October's suggested topic is A Worshiping Parish – Prayer and Sacramental Life

Discussion began with the physical building of our new church and how its presence has seemed to inspire the increase to the parish of over 100 families. Sunday Masses have seen a 30% gain in attendance.

We focused on the large and varied groups, meetings, and committees currently in place. Parishioners may now join ongoing Bible Series; October rosary on Wednesday evenings; an established Respect Life group; a prayer group for fathers – Black Belt Dads. Included are the RCIA headed by Deacon Gohde, Health and Wellness Committee, a full Music ministry from Cherub to Adult choir, Bereavement Committee, and the Anointing of the Sick, to name a few.

Upcoming events include: The JAM Mass, Red Cross Blood Drive, Fall Weekend Retreat, and lastly an All Souls Day Mass of recognition for recently deceased Parishioners buried from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Knowing we could feel satisfaction on the many ideas which have come to fruition, the Council recognizes that there is more we must do. Some examples are: to have more of a “sense of family” within our Parish; to show encouragement to any who wish to join a committee or group already mentioned; to develop areas of Evangelization and Catechesis; to understand more fully the Roman Missal being implemented in late November; and “sharing our faith” with someone personally. Areas where attention is needed include: Attendance at Expositions of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and an overall increase in Touch Points.

**VI. Nominations and Elections Update:**

Mark Wetzel, with assistance from Mike Streb, set forth a timeline for nomination forms, elections and a letter from Msgr. Gentili to be included in all Bulletins concurrent with the timeline mentioned. Mark asked for volunteers to cover Masses on October 9 and 16. All were in agreement and congratulations to both Mark and Mike for an outstanding plan.

**VII. Professional Conduct Policy from the Archdiocese:**

We should be prepared to discuss this at the next Council meeting.

**VIII. Our next meeting will be November 9, 2011.**

**IX. Msgr. Gentili closed the meeting with the prayer:** Call to Conversion and Holiness.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara M. Tramo*  
Secretary