

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2010

I. Opening Prayer

Msgr. Gentili opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Roll Call

Present: Marilee Beyer, John Blank, Kim Brown, Joseph Cannella, Gail Downing, Carol Ann Ernst, Vince Furlong, Lawrence Senour, Barbara Tramo, Msgr. Gentili, Deacon Bob Gohde

Excused: Father Navit, Angela Guidone, Meg Szewczak, Mark Wetzel

III. Scripture Reflection

Carol Ann Ernst led the Scripture Reflection.

Gail Downing will lead the Scripture Reflection for the next meeting (October 6th).

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous (May 5th) 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)

Finance Council: Msgr. Gentili provided a brief overview of the Budget Committee and Finance Council meetings. Highlights included that weekly collections were up by about \$2,000, fundraisers have been successful, and reports are about the same since we last met.

Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation: Msgr. Gentili reported that Meg Szewczak will head the Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation programs. Anne Kane will continue as a member of the Adult Faith Formation committee. Marilee reported for Meg Szewczak that Meg's focus for the year will be in the following areas: catechist workshops, PREP for parents, parish identity, relationships, prayer, and Vacation Bible School.

Music Ministry - Paula Furman was introduced as the Director of Liturgical Music and gave a brief overview of what she has planned in the coming months. Plans include a teen and youth choir, adult choir and recruitment for additional members.

Youth Ministry – Gail Downing was present and is our new part-time Director of Youth Ministry. Gail will also work with St. Martin of Tour parish. Gail reported that she is working on a proposal for Msgr. Gentili that will include plans for our youth in grades 7 & 8, as well as our high school students. Gail is planning on attending a Life Teen training course so that we can implement this at our parish.

VI. Updates

- 1. Land development process** – Msgr. Gentili reported that the building process is on schedule and moving along. The website has continuous up-to-date developments and a live webcam. Pictures are also posted here so parishioners can get the latest building development information. **The church is scheduled to be dedicated on April 30, 2010. Many events have also been scheduled: Confirmation – May 14, 2010, Communion – May 7, 2010, as well as several weddings.**
- 2. Campaign Committee Update** – An update was provided by Deacon Gohde on the Campaign. It was reported that we have received a very positive response in initial campaign pledges and we have already received down payments that will assist in limiting our use of the credit line from the Archdiocese. Deacon Gohde provided statistics that show the campaign efforts and participation by parishioners is very positive.
- 3. Fundraising Committee** – Larry Senour reported that there are two fundraisers in progress – Football Mania and the 1st Annual Golf Outing. Football Mania is going well, but the responses for the golf outing are a little low. The deadline for signing up is Sept. 7th.
- 4. Anniversary Picnic** – The picnic will be held on September 12, 2010. The Pastoral Council will assist with ticket sales and provide assistance at the picnic.

VII. Church Dedication

Msgr. Gentili announced that the Consecration of the Church Building is tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2010, which is the Vigil of the Divine Mercy. Msgr. Gentili has established several sub-committees to assist in the celebration of the dedication of the new church. Msgr. Gentili would like Parish Pastoral Council members to chair the various sub-committees:

- 1) Liturgy and Booklet** – Work with Father Navit to construct a booklet that would contain photos and explanations of the Dedication Liturgy and the artwork within the Church.
- 2) Celebration/Reception Committee** – Work with Msgr. Gentili to plan a reception following the Dedication and Consecration Mass similar to the Installation reception.
- 3) Invitation Committee** – Work with Msgr. Gentili to design a Dedication invitation and guest list.
- 4) Year of Celebration Committee** – Work with Msgr. Gentili to schedule and plan events throughout the year to celebrate the dedication of our new church. Events will/may include a concert, an ecumenical event, a Forty Hours devotion.

**** Action Item:** Council members should contemplate what sub-committee they would like to be part of and volunteer at our next meeting. Volunteers at this time: Barbara Tramo – Invitations; Carol Ann Ernst and Kim Brown - Reception; Marilee Beyer – Liturgy and Booklet.

VIII. Report From Members

Kim Brown reported that the 40 Days for Life is scheduled for Sept. 22 – October 31st. Our Lady of Guadalupe is scheduled for October 7, 2010 from 7 am – 7 pm. Volunteers are needed to pray at the Planned Parenthood for 1 hour slots during the day. Information for signing up was provided and will be in the bulletin.

Barbara Tramo reported on the Archdiocese Meeting for Evangelization that was attended by her and Anne Kane. Barbara provided an overview of how the program could be implemented in our parish. Deacon Gohde commented that this would be a wonderful idea in the next coming months and that this should be discussed again at a future meeting.

IX. Catholic Life Congress

The Catholic Life Congress is scheduled for November 13, 2010, at Archbishop Carroll High School. Further discussion will take place once more information becomes available.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Closing Prayer

Deacon Gohde led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brown