

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2011

### I. Roll Call – Nominations and Elections Update:

**Present:** *Parish Council Nominees* – Patricia Devine, Marlene Funk, Matthew Gavinelli, Anne Kane, Patrick Magliozzi, Camille McQuillen, Francis Puchino, Steve Workman and Msgr. Gentili.  
*Parish Council Members* - Kim Brown, Vince Furlong, Angela Guidone, Larry Senour, Mike Streb, Barbara Tramo.

**Excused:** Gail Downing, Carol Ann Ernst, Paula Furman, Deacon Gohde, Meg Szewczak, Mark Wetzell, and Deacon Ianelli.

The meeting with the nominees commenced with introductions. Nominees were asked their reasons for volunteering. Several submitted their respective background information. Folders designating The Purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council and Guidelines from the Archdiocese were distributed. The nominees were requested to submit their responses for acceptance or decline by November 14, 2011.

### II. Scripture Reflection and Prayer:

Msgr. Gentili opened the formal meeting with a Prayer. Kim Brown read from the Acts of the Apostles 32 – 35.

### III. Opening Prayer with Implementation of In-Depth Evaluation of Parish Life:

Discussion then began regarding implementation of *In Depth Evaluation of Parish Life – A Welcoming and Caring Parish* – what is currently in place and how each element may be built upon. These consist of the Bereavement Committee, Out Reach Program such as Father David’s Prison Ministry, our Youth Programs and Helping the Homeless through our Health and Wellness Committee whose members are presently working on a Christmas party for the homeless shelter. New priorities the Council will be embarking on are: evangelization through home visitation; quarterly hospitality/social events; introduction of greeters at the Church doors; written Survey of Census which also incorporates those who may be widowed, separated or divorced; “Listening Ear” for those with difficult problems who may need referring to special agencies, and light housekeeping of the church building to be accomplished by the “Guardians of Guadalupe”.

### IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous (October 5, 2011) Pastoral Council Meeting:

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

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

**Finance:** Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011.

**Religious Education and Adult Formation:** In Meg Szewczak’s absence Msgr. Gentili reported that the First Reconciliation Parents’ meetings went very well. First Reconciliation is scheduled for December 3, 2011. Adult Faith Formation will be offering classes next January through April such as: *Catholic Identity* – a three part series which combines class discussion with a lecture by Fr. Chris Walsh via DVD (completion of the program conveys one Catholic education for Catholic School teachers and Catechists (\$25 fee); *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* – offered during Lent and an eight week series titled *A Journey Through the Bible*.

**Youth Ministry:** In Gail Downing's absence Kim Brown reported that the *Youth Retreat* - went very well. New friendships were made and the teens responded quite well to our facilitator, J.P. Kasper. For many it was a highly spiritual experience, for others, simply a weekend away from the teenage lifestyle. All enjoyed it.

*Teen Timeline* – We have 14 highly curious, intelligent and dynamic teens whose group was involved in this Bible overview program. They hunger for more.

*Veterans' Dinner* – an ecumenical affair scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Church in Buckingham. None Such Farms is donating salad for 40 and Giant has given us a \$50 gift card. December will present the teens with four additional community service opportunities.

**Music Ministry:** In Paula Furman's absence Msgr. Gentili acknowledged that two newly trained Cantors bring the total now to 15. Teen Ensemble will begin in January. We also gained three additional choir members bringing total choir membership to 27. Children and Cherub's Choir is still going strong. Our Music Ministry will be joining with St. Robert Bellarmine to perform a pro-life benefit concert on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm. Lastly, teaching of music for the newly sung Mass parts is complete and the new Mass music is being used in its entirety at all Masses.

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

Council is in agreement with the value of transparency in dealing with monetary matters through bookkeeping and oversight. The Archdiocese is currently in the decision making process regarding the implementation of this policy.

**VII. Strategic Planning:**

The Parish Pastoral Council is invited to meet on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm with Stephen Hirt and the Finance Council to formulate plans to address the campaign shortfall and the eleven million dollar outstanding loan for the Church.

**VIII. Next meeting will be December 7, 2011 @ 7:00 pm.**

**IX. Msgr. Gentili closed the meeting with a prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Barbara M. Tramo*  
Secretary