

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2009

I. Opening Prayer

Father Gentili opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Roll Call

Present: Marilee Beyer, Kim Brown, Joseph Cannella, Carol Ann Ernst, Angela Guidone, Vince Furlong, Anne Kane, Pamela Miller, Lawrence Senour, Barbara Tramo, Mark Wetzel, Deacon Gohde, Father Gentili

Excused: John Blank, Father Navit

III. Scripture Reflection

Barbara Tramo led the Scripture Reflection with the theme "Call to Respect Life".
Mark Wetzel will lead the Scripture Reflection for the November 4, 2009 meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Previous (Sept. 10th) Pastoral Council Meeting

The minutes were approved as written.

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

Finance Council – Angela Guidone reported on ex officio appointments, chairperson appointments, internal audit status and issues being addressed, and ongoing business including new rectory search, Capital Campaign updates, subsidy for Catholic school students, rent at CB East/Holicong. Details were provided later in the meeting by Father Gentili and are included under Updates.

Adult Faith Formation - Anne Kane reported that enrollment is at about 40 participants for the Bible study program. An additional Bible study is being offered at the same time as PREP classes for parents of PREP program students. A Rosary group is meeting on Tuesday evenings during October. An Adult Faith Formation core team has been formed to assist and meet with Father Gentili to develop a Liturgy committee and a Bereavement committee.

Religious Education (PREP) – Pamela Miller reported that training for 60 catechists was complete. PREP classes will begin for over 550 students October 20th and 22nd at Holicong Middle School. Confirmation is scheduled for April 10, 2010.

VI. Updates

Father Gentili provided an update on the Land Development Process which is moving along, according to plan. Father Gentili reported that Anthony Visco has been hired to provide professional services as a Liturgical Design consultant and Artistic Coordinator for our parish in compliance with the Archdiocese and the OLG Building Committee. Father Gentili provided an update on the search for a new rectory. Father Gentili provided an update on the Capital Fund Campaign and Heritage of Faith Campaign. Fr. Gentili is meeting with Bishop McFadden to discuss options for our parish so that we can meet the requirements for the Archdiocesan campaign, and

our Capital Fund Campaign. Our campaign is targeted to begin in Spring 2010. Fr. Gentili presented the need for a Liturgy Committee and a Bereavement Committee and the council was in full support of the idea. A core team, headed under Adult Faith Formation (Anne Kane), has been established to assist with the formation of these teams.

VII. Holiday Mass Dates and Times

Father Gentili and the council discerned the possibility of new Mass times for the Christmas Masses. The council discerned that the Mass times should be maintained for the current year and perhaps revisited.

VIII. Website

A discussion took place regarding the contents of the Parish Pastoral Council page of the website. The Council was in consensus that a directory, meeting minutes and any other pertinent information on the Pastoral Council should be on the website. Kim Brown will work with Ralph Ingoglia to post the appropriate information.

IX. 10th Anniversary (July 1, 2010)

Larry Senour proposed that this item should be moved to the top of the next meeting agenda as there were many points to discuss. The Council was in agreement with this.

X. Catholic Life Congress

The Catholic Life Congress will take place on November 14, 2009, at Archbishop Carroll High School and council members will attend the Pastoral council sessions. Carol Ann Ernst is the point of contact for carpooling.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 4, 2009, **7:00 pm**, at the Rectory.

XII. Closing Prayer

Father Gentili led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brown
Secretary