

# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes, September 23, 2020 – Virtual Meeting

### I. ROLL CALL

Monsignor Gentili, Father Ianelli, Matt Gavinelli, Dominique Galloway, Lisa Martinez, Carol Kalouche, Chip Puchino, Juan Navia, Ray Lokay, Lisa Kopertowski, Paola Cubides Herrera, Deacon Brady, Emily Clementi, Dan Drain, Paul Crovo, Mike Broglie

Excused: Lisa Kopertowski, Leo Craig

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

### II. OPENING PRAYER

Monsignor shared the gospel from today, the Feast Day of Padre Pio. Padre Pio said, “pray, hope and don’t worry – worry is useless, god is merciful and he will hear your prayer”. Monsignor asked the members to put their trust in God during this pandemic. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) had a moment of silence for their personal intentions and for the safety and health of our parishioners and community. Members prayed the Hail Mary.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(April 15, 2020)

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the April 15, 2020 minutes. Juan Navia motioned and Mike Broglie seconded the motion. The members of the committee unanimously approved the minutes. Teresa will post on the website.

### IV. HISPANIC MINISTRY – Paola Cubides Herrera

The Hispanic Ministry has been busy but communication has been a challenge. All parish communication has been translated into Spanish. Paola is coordinating the weekly Spanish Rosary via Zoom for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP). She is planning an in-person workshop on August 15 for the Feast of the Assumption and is working with RCIA to hold a RCIA track in Spanish. The Hispanic community has been holding many Baptisms and Weddings and they are planning the celebration for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. There will be a third food drive with the OLG Health and Wellness Ministry which has helped many families in need.

The program has grown from 103 families in June 2019 to 134 families in August 2020, which is a growth of 30 percent. Ray suggested a service to make the

daily/weekend Mass translated for Spanish-speaking parishioners. Paola has investigated previously and it was not cost effective. Ray will look into further.

V. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ADULT FAITH– Dan Drain

PREP is starting in a few weeks with just about 400 registered students. Monsignor sent a letter to inactive families and they received many registrations in response. The program is fully online (<https://www.olguadalupe.org/prep>), as Central Bucks School District is not allowing any outside groups in the schools. The PREP landing page on the parish website is almost complete which includes three videos, pages for each grade, which will have uploaded teacher videos each week. There will also be a weekly Zoom Q and A for students to ask questions. There is a digital version of the textbook as well as a physical book for each student.

Mike suggested that the Men's Prayer Group could learn more about the Catholic Faith if they focused on what the children are learning. Dan said he could develop an adult faith class on this theme.

VI. YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE – Lisa Kopertowski

Update attached.

VII. SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

OLG continues to be committed to security and safety. We have purchased security cameras to register faces/license plates at all entrances and exits to the parish.

VIII. EVANGELIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

*Organizational Review Sub-Committee:*

All ministry budgets are completed and approved.

*Outreach Update:* Deacon Brady

Father Ianelli is coordinating a Fall Message Series focused on the final four (heaven, hell, death and eternity). This will kick off on All Saints Day. The committee also discussed the Living as Missionary Disciples Series (bilingual) and how to keep utilizing the parish subscription to FORMED.org.

Per Monsignor, the parish needs to stay focused on the recommendations of the Evangelization Committee. There are many great causes but we are not able to support/promote them all.

*Financial Responsibility:* Reported below

IX. CELEBRATING GROWTH MINISTRY FAIR UPDATE

The committee will hold a scaled-down version of a typical ministry fair. The event will be in the courtyard after all Masses with fewer ministries participating.

X. SOCIAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

At this point, all events are on hold. The committee is meeting again in October. They would like to hold an event to welcome parishioners back.

XI. LITURGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mass attendance has been increasing each weekend and the committee discussed possibly returning to the original weekend Mass schedule. Forty Hours is set to start on October 18. Father Eric Banecker is the guest preacher. We will offer overnight (24 hour) adoration again this year and livestream all of Forty Hours. Monsignor thanked this committee and the task force for handling the pandemic and church reopening through the correct channels.

XII. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

OLG is very blessed. The weekly collection ended the fiscal year 6.5 % ahead of the year before. We are now in first quarter of the new fiscal year and the parish weekly collection is 6.25% over last year. The parish is being fiscally responsible and have kept all of the staff. We do need to continue to spend money in the areas of technology and security.

The Legacy Campaign is ongoing. The campaign has \$750K pledged and has received \$325K. The committee is planning to schedule fundraising dinners and hopes to raise \$3 to \$5 million.

XIII. PARISH ATTENDANCE

Approximately 600 people are attending Mass each weekend. This is about 35% of pre-COVID attendance. We will continue to livestream one Mass each weekend and daily Mass.

XIV. STRATEGIC PLAN TRACKER

OLG started the new tracker in 2018, which focuses on the three subcommittees (Organizational Review Sub-Committee, Outreach Update and Financial Responsibility). Some items from the previous tracker were carried over. Monsignor would like this to be the first agenda item at the next PPC meeting.

XV. OTHER COMMITTEES/UPDATES

No other updates.

XVI. NEXT MEETING

November 11, 2020

Joint Meeting of the Councils – December 9, 2020

XVII. CLOSING PRAYER

Father Ianelli ended the meeting with a Hail Mary.