

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS – Joint Meeting

Report – December 19, 2018

I. ROLL CALL

Attendees: Monsignor Gentili, Dick Clark, Ed Zapisek, Philip Junker, Greg McGovern, Father Ianelli, Steve Workman, Emily Clementi, Matt Gavinelli, Mike Broglie, Bob Weikel, Ellen Roehm, Peter Hawley, Judy Wicklum, Deacon Brady, Jessica Walters, Lisa Kopertowski, Tim Conniff, Barbara Keiffer, Michele Savage, Paul Crovo, Ray Lokay, Leo Craig, Carol Kalouche, Lisa Martinez, Dominique Galloway and Joel Zazyczny

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

Excused: John Graham, Paul Crovo, Chip Puchino, Joel Zazyczny, Juan Navia, Laura Campbell

II. OPENING PRAYER

Ray Lokay shared the Sunday gospel. Monsignor encouraged council members to trust God to bring fruit beyond imagine.

It was decided to not cover a full agenda at the joint meetings of the two councils but to only touch upon the most pressing and important issues as described below.

III. EVANGELIZATION AND OUTREACH

Deacon Brady shared the initiatives of the Evangelization Committee. During Christmas Masses Deacon Brady is looking for approximately 12 volunteers for each Mass to greet visitors, hand out the Christmas gift (book) and make people feel very welcomed and comfortable. He asked members of the PPC and PFC to consider volunteering.

In addition, the Evangelization Committee sent out several email/Flocknotes during advent that had a good open rate.

The plan is to roll out the new “OLG Ambassadors” and hospitality program for Lent 2019. More information will be coming about recruiting new members to this ministry and training.

IV. SECURITY

Bob Weikel is leading an OLG Security Team to investigate parish security. The team’s subcommittees are visiting local churches and Catholic schools to view their security practices and working with Buckingham Police to get estimates on security

recommendations (such as security cameras, police presence at Masses and more). It is estimated that the parish would need up to 40 security cameras to have campus-wide coverage. The team has had a meeting with the ushers. Both the PPC and PFC will need to approve revised security plan before implementing. In addition, a risk assessment of the campus will be provided by an experienced team member. A discussion ensued about parish security priorities.

V. INTEREST RATE ON PARISH LOAN WITH ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Dick Clark provided an update regarding the interest rate with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP).

Monsignor was recently contacted by the AOP informing him that the 2% interest rate on the parish promissory note will expire on June 30, 2019. The AOP recommended that the parish explore commercial loan options. Dick, Monsignor and Ed Zapisek have begun to research other loan options.

Current interest rate loan option (5.29%) is not affordable to our parish as we have not yet been able to meet the \$32K weekly collection to cover the current loan. Another option is to reduce the current principal balance of \$10.8 million. If the principal could be reduced to \$5 million we would be closer to paying our monthly payment over time.

Dick, Monsignor and Ed are continuing to work with the AOP and investigate various options for the parish. The AOP is willing to work with OLG to find a plan that is acceptable to the AOP and feasible for OLG. This situation also makes it difficult for the parish to fund various initiatives particularly related to technology.

In addition, the parish has recently launched its Annual Stewardship Campaign Appeal and have seen a good response. A discussion ensued about various ways to raise money for OLG including contacting private donors, second collections and rental income from the Parish Life Center.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Kopertowski provided an update on the Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Attendance has been great with approximately 50 to 70 youth across all groups each weekend. World Youth Day and the Steubenville are two big events coming up next year.

Jessica Walters has resigned but is leaving the PREP and Adult Faith Formation (AFF) programs in good shape. PREP just hosted a well-attended Christmas show. AFF is on pause while a replacement is found for Jessica but the team knows the vision for the parish and will focus particularly on small groups. The application has been submitted for the grant for the Director of Spanish Ministry and should receive official word in February 2019. Monsignor thanked Jessica for her hard work and

dedication at OLG and offered her prayerful best wishes in her new position.

Monsignor also thanked Steve Workman who has assisted the parish with many initiatives and has plans to move to Florida.

VII. NEXT JOINT MEETING

- 6/19/19 - PFC & PPC Combined meeting

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor led the group with an Our Father, Hail Mary and a Glory Be.

IX. SOCIAL