

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes, February 13, 2019

I. ROLL CALL

Monsignor Gentili, Paul Crovo, Chip Puchino, Matt Gavinelli, Mike Broglie, Father Ianelli, Emily Clementi, Lisa Martinez, Carol Kalouche, Ray Lokay, Leo Craig, Juan Navia, Steve Workman, Lisa Kopertowski,

Excused: Deacon Brady, Dominique Galloway

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

II. OPENING PRAYER

Monsignor read a Gospel from Luke. Council shared their thoughts of being thankful even in times of hardship. All were reminded that everyone has crosses in life but is important to remember we are blessed. God will not abandon us.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the November minutes. Juan Navia motioned and Steve Workman seconded the motion. The members of the committee unanimously approved the minutes. Teresa will post on the website.

IV. Presentation regarding Hispanic Outreach Coordinator

Former Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) member George Fernandez presented information regarding the proposed fully funded position of Hispanic Outreach Coordinator at OLG. George was appointed to ARCH-ED, an Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) committee. The committee spends money to support the Catholic faith.

The Familia Educadora En La Fe (FEF) ministry started several years at OLG. Since that time, our parish has been committed to promoting the Catholic faith to all Spanish-speaking parishioners. To help with our growing demand for services, OLG has applied for a grant from ARCH-ED to fund a three-year, full-time position. This position will support the volunteers we already have at OLG. The parish expects a decision on grant approval to be reached soon.

V. YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Members of the OLG Youth Ministry attended World Youth Day in Panama in January. The group had a wonderful time and are looking forward to the next World Youth Day in 2022. To date, the Steubenville High School Youth Conference in June has 30 registrants. Lisa noted that many of these registrants are current eighth graders. Attendance has been very good at all youth group meetings and she continues to see new faces each week. A possible upcoming event is overnight camping trip for seventh and eighth graders. Monsignor complimented Lisa for her presence each Sunday and getting the youth involved.

VI. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ADULT FAITH UPDATE

Daniel Drain has been hired as the new Director of Religious Education. He starts on March 1. Daniel is a doctoral student at the Catholic University of America and is part of Young Catholic Adults of Bucks County.

VII. SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OLG

Ray Lokay provided an update on the Security Committee. The committee includes three subcommittees, which are focused on the following initiatives: investigating camera systems and security; drafting a standard operating procedure (SOP) for ushers; and working with local police.

Members have contacted staff at Covenant Church and Archbishop Wood High School to view their camera/security systems and have bids from several companies. A draft of the usher SOP is complete. The local police will present to the committee in the coming weeks. In addition, a parishioner and senior manager at a security firm is conducting a risk assessment of the parish campus. When complete, a proposed security plan will be presented to both the PPC and the Parish Finance Council (PFC) for their approval. Monsignor thanked Ray and Bob Weikel for their efforts with this new team.

PPC members asked how these security cameras would interface with the technology needed for possible livestreaming of Masses and about security cameras inside the PLC for the rental of the social hall.

VIII. EVANGELIZATION SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

Deacon Brady's Holy Hospitality initiative's initial goal was to get 50 volunteers. After a successful launch, close to 100 parishioners signed up. This program is a takeaway from Nativity Parish in MD. This ministry will officially roll out on Ash Wednesday and will continue during Lent. We expect the PPC's support of this exciting endeavor.

IX. MINISTRY FAIR WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 23 AND 24

PPC members were asked to be available in the narthex after Mass to answer questions about the ministries that are not being featured. Steve Workman will be speaking at all Masses this weekend and will present the parish Disciple Maker Index (DMI) results. He will also briefly reiterate Deacon Brady's Holy Hospitality initiative

X. SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Social Affairs Committee is planning a Parents Night Out on April 12 and will provide free babysitting. In addition, the committee will again host a flower arranging class, golf outing and are investigating a casino night. In the past year, the committee has raised approximately \$3,500 for the parish. Although their main goal is to provide opportunities for fellowship, the committee will look at opportunities to raise even more money.

XI. LITURGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Parishioner Kim Dilaurentis has approached the committee about creating a Perpetual Adoration ministry. Ideally, a committee of participants would be created that would provide 24/7 adoration. Currently, our parish has trouble filling the adoration spots for First Friday every month. Ideally, our parish will have every First Friday filled, then every Friday and subsequent goal would be overnight adoration during 40 hours.

There are some practical/logistical issues as well as security concerns. Some churches use a keypad. Parishes that have perpetual adoration have many blessings and Monsignor would like the parish support on this.

XII. FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Stewardship Appeal
Parish exceeded its goal of \$150K.
- Interest Rate Update
The AOP has decided to get out of the loan business. Monsignor, Dick Clark and Ed Zapisek have been in discussions with the AOP and several local banks. The AOP has been very impressed with everything OLG has accomplished. 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.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS OR OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES

No new business.

XIV. NEXT MEETINGS

○ April 10, 2019

XV. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor thanked the attendees for a healthy meeting with thoughtful discussions. The council prayed an Our Father for their own personal intentions.