

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes, April 26, 2022 – Parish Rectory

I. ROLL CALL

Monsignor Gentili, Matt Gavinelli, Dominique Galloway, Juan Navia, Deacon Brady, Paul Crovo, Mike Broglie, Chip Puchino, Lisa Kopertowski, Leo Craig

Excused: Ray Lokay, Lisa Martinez, Carol Kalouche, Dan Drain

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

II. OPENING PRAYER

Monsignor shared a reading from today (Acts of the Apostles 4, 32-37). We need to be grateful to our parishioners as only through their charity and sacrifice is our parish here today. When we receive God's blessings we should help others and be generous. We should treat everyone how we would want to be treated. Everyone prayed a Hail Mary.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the March 1, 2022 minutes. Juan Navia motioned and Deacon Brady seconded the motion. The members of the committee unanimously approved the minutes. Teresa will post on the website.

IV. PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Matt Gavinelli

The nomination process will start in June. A meeting for all those who have been nominated will be held on July 28. Mike Broglie, Emily Clementi and Chip Puchino have reached the end of their term. This year the PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) will elect four new members.

V. CELEBRATING GROWTH MINISTRY WEEKEND, JUNE 25/26

The ministry fair will be in the courtyard after all Masses. Monsignor will plan to officially bless the courtyard and artwork if all the work is completed. If not, the blessing will be postponed until the fall.

VI. EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVES – Deacon Brady

Our social media and email efforts have been ongoing including sending out weekly Word on Fire (WOF) video/educational messages. In addition, in the past two months we have also been sending WOF emails targeted to PREP families.

Twenty-five people attended the Synod meeting at OLG. We have not yet received the notes from this meeting and information on next steps.

This year we created a new group on Flocknotes for the Lenten Challenge. All parishioners were invited to join this group to receive short, daily texts. We had 275 people sign up. The weekly WOF emails have about 50 to 100 people click the link to watch the video each week. The Weekly Update emails (sent every Friday afternoon) have over a 60 percent open rate.

The parish is still participating in the monthly postcard mailing program, which is targeted to new homeowners in the local area. We are also encouraging parishioners to take these postcards and distribute to their friends, family and neighbors.

Council members discussed additional evangelization initiatives. This included sending out more surveys to parishioners to decide what opportunities and challenges we face. Previously, many good ideas (that are now a regular part of our parish life) came out of surveying parishioners.

VII. CHURCH SURVEY/DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

We had 568 parishioners complete the online survey. An additional 25 paper copies were completed. The parish is still waiting for results. Deacon and the Evangelization Committee will analyze results and formulate a presentation for the parish.

VIII. ATTENDANCE – Matt

The Ash Wednesday Masses were well attended. During Easter Masses, our attendance was about two thirds of where we were prior to the pandemic. It is important to note that COVID is still active and we have many people livestreaming. The 11 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday was very crowded.

IX. ONE FAMILY DAY, JUNE 12 – Monsignor

We Are One Family Day Mass and Carnival is being held in early June. This event was organized by the Serving Persons with Disabilities Ministry and assisted by members of the OLG Knights of Columbus. Monsignor asked council members to support this event.

OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES

Paul provided an update from the Parish Finance Council. The Legacy Campaign has a goal of \$2.5 million and so far, \$1.5 million has been raised. This will be covered at the Joint Meeting of the Parish Councils in June. Paul also discussed giving and asked this to be on agenda for Joint Meeting.

The parish still does not have a Director of Hispanic Ministry and is hoping to have a candidate in place by this June. Members discussed if this affects the parish grant that we received to fill this position. The three-year grant was almost complete when the previous director left.

Dan Drain is leaving OLG to take a position as a professor at college in Rochester, NY. The parish is actively looking for a new Director of Religious Education.

X. NEXT MEETING

Combined Meeting of the Parish Councils, June 1, 2022

PPC Meeting, September 20, 2022

XI. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor asked the Lord to look over all the intentions of the PPC. Attendees prayed an Our Father.