

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Minutes, February 21, 2024 – Parish Rectory**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Monsignor Gentili, Matt Gavinelli, Kimberly Hirsch, Tony Martin, Paul Crovo, Juan Navia, Leo Craig, Lisa Martinez, David Serrano, Ed Zupanc, Don Kraft, Karen Brody, Deacon Brady

Excused: Lisa Kopertowski, Ray Lokay, Carol Kalouche, Dominique Galloway  
Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

**II. OPENING PRAYER**

*"Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.*

Monsignor shared today's first reading from John 3, 1-10. God is persistent and relentless in wanting us to do what he wants us to do. Don't underestimate your efforts when answering God's call and, as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), don't underestimate your efforts in trying to evangelize and serve our parish.

Everyone prayed a Hail Mary.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the November 8, 2023, minutes. Leo motioned and Ed seconded the motion. The members of the committee unanimously approved the minutes. Teresa will post on the website.

**IV. CELEBRATING GROWTH MINISTRY WEEKENDS – Matt**

Parish Ministry Fairs are scheduled for March 16/17 and September 21/22, 2024. Going forward ministry fairs will be held twice a year in the parish social hall.

**V. WE ARE ONE FAMILY CARNIVAL– Matt**

The parish needs one or two people to lead the carnival initiative.

*UPDATE: The carnival will not be held this year, but PPC member Dominique has agreed to oversee the carnival in 2025.*

**VI. EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVES – Don Kraft/Deacon**

Our parish evangelization initiatives are reaching out to those on the fringes in a

variety of ways. It may take a long time to see the results of these efforts.

Mass attendance is up 10 percent while the population is up only two percent. In addition, our Mass attendance has reached pre-COVID numbers and continues to increase.

Nina (AFF) now has 50 people joining Vespers each week. The recent Town Hall meeting had 30 attendees (first meeting had 12). The PREP monthly grade Masses have been well received and Karen Brody is seeing new families at Mass. PREP also noted increased attendance at the Christmas Pageant and Confessions. The weekly collection is up approximately five to six percent over last year.

There was a ministry workshop in the fall where ministry leaders were asked to think more consciously about evangelizing. The parish is piloting the ChristLife program in April 2024 which is encouraging attendees to know, practice and share their faith.

Deacon added that he hopes the momentum keeps going forward and the parish continues to develop even more programs. We have created a culture of joy and happiness at Church.

VII. ETHICSPPOINT ACCOUNTABILITY – Monsignor

Monsignor asked all council members to read the email that was recently sent regarding the EthicsPoint Accountability System. After reviewing the information, please sign off on the official policy by responding to the email address that was provided.

VIII. PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Matt

PPC elections will be held this year. After our combined meeting in June, Leo, Dominique, Carol, Lisa and Ray will have completed their terms on the council. We will be adding four new members this year. Monsignor thanked those who have served and asked them to continue to serve the parish as they choose or they are welcome to run for the PPC again.

IX. FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE – Paul/Don

The Parish Finance Council increased the weekly collection goal from \$32K to \$33K. The Semi-Annual Parish Finance Update will be given at all Masses the first weekend in March.

The PFC recently discussed major projects including chandeliers and replacement of boilers in the Church. The PFC has taken a more active role in assisting Monsignor with major projects in recent years.

*UPDATE: The lighting project (cost \$358K) was officially approved and signed off on by Dick Clark, chairperson of the Parish Finance Council and Matt Gavinelli, chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council.*

X. OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES AND NEW BUSINESS

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is conducting a survey regarding homilies. Monsignor asked all members to take the time to complete the survey.

Monsignor introduced the new Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) initiative – The Next Chapter for the Church of Philadelphia. This plan will unfold over the next few years. Representatives from OLG attended an initial meeting and this topic will be on the agenda at all upcoming PPC, PFC and Joint Meetings of the Parish Councils.

XI. NEXT MEETINGS

April 17, 2024

Combined Meeting of the Parish Councils, June 12, 2024

XII. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor thanked all members of the PPC for their dedication. Everyone gathered their prayers and special intentions and prayed a Hail Mary.