

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastoral Council
Regular Meeting Minutes May 11, 2006
Parish Residence, 7pm
Pending Approval

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. J.C. Cain, Deacon Mario Renteria, Helen Soto Knaggs, Pam Corn, Leo De La Garza, Salvador Hernandez, Olga Salas, Benny Sustaita, Teo Tijerina

ABSENT EXCUSED: Art Cardenas, Sylvia Castro, Minerva Skeith

- I. **CALL TO ORDER 7:05 pm** – Helen Knaggs; Roll Call & Parish Mission Statement – Olga Salas; Quorum present.
- II. **OPENING PRAYER**– Fr. J.C. Cain;
- III. **MINUTES of March 9 meeting were approved as written;** 1st Leo De La Garza, 2nd Sal Hernandez.
- IV. **FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT – PAM CORN:** After discussion, a motion was made to approve the parish budget amounts as recommended by the Finance Council. 1st Sal, 2nd Al Barrette. Discussion on Austin Interfaith’s request for a budget increase was tabled until an impact report is received from them. Allocation of appropriated amounts for capital improvements is tabled until next meeting.
- V. **REFLECTION:** LEO DE LA GARZA read from Ephesians 5:8 regarding our duty to live as children of light and how that relates to our responsibilities re the national immigration issue. There was long and lively discussion about the issue.
- VI. **PASTORAL REPORT - FR. J.C. CAIN :** Fr. J.C. returned from vacation to a parish running smoothly thanks to staff, ministries and councils.
- VII. **BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT – FR. J.C. CAIN**
Council reviewed Sylvia’s Bids Report for Capital Improvements. New building signage was installed today. Regarding fencing and gates on premises, Deacon Mario requested that the neighborhood be able to have access through Lydia to be able to use the campus as a park area. Action on prioritization is tabled until we receive Sylvia’s summary of the priorities we submitted individually. Fr. will do research with the diocese and the SA Oblates on our national roots in order to pursue getting sponsors for the bell repair for the Centennial. Teo’s questions regarding the bidding process were addressed. Regarding classroom tables, Al recommended that round non-formica tables be purchased instead of the bifold types because the bifolds break when someone sits on them and the students peel off the formica. Sal suggested that a water fountain be installed at the school building after campus security issues are resolved.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. A motion was made to accept Raul Garcia as the replacement for retiring Council member Toni Aguirre, whose term expires June 14, 2008. 1st Benny 2nd Teo. Motion carried unanimously. Raul has been a parishioner for three years, is retired from public relations work with Verizon and is active in the ACTS ministry, Jamaica, and Golf Tourney Committee.
 2. Helen Knaggs will submit to Art Cardenas three possible dates from which to choose for setting up the next Centennial planning meeting: May 22,23 or 30.
 3. Three council members’ terms are up for reappointment, Olga Salas, Al Barrette & Sal Hernandez. Olga renewed her commitment for a year until June of 2007, at which time

she will revisit the decision. She also requested that after 2 ½ years as council recorder, that the duty be rotated. Helen Knaggs will ask Raul Garcia to take over the responsibility. Al and Sal will defer their answer regarding continuing on council until next week.

4. **GOLF TOURNEY – BENNY SUSTAITA:** Advertising is being done in area church bulletins and local golf courses, as well as the OLG website. The committee is requesting donations from parishioners of door prizes and food for the breakfast and lunch that will be provided. Parishioner George Salinas will assist with the cooking duties. We anticipate earning about \$8000 profit. This committee will become a year-round committee. The OLG events website will be updated to allow online registration and payment for next year's tourney.
5. Pastoral Council will host Fr. Anthony Taylor of Sacred Heart Parish in Oklahoma City on May 17 at a dinner at the residence with Stewardship Committee and Finance Council. He will then speak to the parish on May 18 regarding his ideas for implementing stewardship. Pastoral Council will host both events. Please remember to wear nametags at all events.
6. Art Cardenas received feedback from a parishioner asking who is on the pastoral council and what do we do. Olga Salas reminded all members to wear nametags whenever on the church premises to foster recognition and as a symbol that we are here to serve our parish family and requested that member pictures be installed in the parish hall asap.
7. **JAMAICA REPORT – SAL HERNANDEZ:** A 2006 Silverado truck will be raffled. The goal is for all 1500 parish families to sell 20 tickets each for a total of 30,000 raffle tickets sold at \$3 each. The truck will be on display at a flea market on Riverside this weekend. Raffle tickets will be ready tomorrow. Pulpit talks are coming soon.
8. Immigration Policy statement discussion is delayed until next meeting.
9. Council is urged to consider how to improve meetings, for discussion at next meeting. Preliminary suggestions offered tonight included more structure, committee reports, having a sergeant at arms or timekeeper, doing the reflection at the end.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT 9:20 PM**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY OLGA SALAS