

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastoral Council
Centennial Planning Meeting Minutes May 23, 2006

Parish Residence, 7pm

Approved June 8, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. J.C. Cain, Helen Soto Knaggs, Art Cardenas, Sylvia Castro, Pam Corn,
Leo De La Garza, Olga Salas, Minerva Skeith, Benny Sustaita, Teo Tijerina
ABSENT EXCUSED: Salvador Hernandez, Deacon Mario Renteria

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:10 pm – Helen Knaggs; OPENING PRAYER– Fr. J.C. Cain; Parish Mission Statement & Roll Call – Olga Salas; Quorum present.
- II. BLESSING & INSTALLATION OF RAUL GARCIA AS COUNCIL MEMBER – FR. CAIN
- III. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – PASTORAL REPORT - FR. CAIN
Minutes submitted to Fr. Cain for approval.
- IV. CENTENNIAL PLANNING – ART CARDENAS
 1. Art expressed a loss of confidence in council support due to lack of attendance and participation at the last centennial planning meeting and bake sale fundraiser and deferment of scheduling this meeting. Olga Salas cited that the reason for that was probably short notice to people's schedules and members' personal travel schedules. All members were asked to make their commitment of time and effort to this endeavor and respond one by one. Minerva deferred her answer requesting more time to consider. All others made their verbal commitments and gave their thoughts for what the focus of the celebration should be.
 2. Preliminary descriptions of each of the seven planning committees were reviewed. The committees are: Historical, Planning, Finance, Youth, Liturgical, PR/Media/Advertising, and Commemoration. Descriptions will be further fleshed out for next meeting.
 3. Suggestions offered for themes: "Visions of the Future, Reflections of the Past", our heritage and legacies, "New Opportunities, New Growth, New Beginnings", The Continuity and Constancy of our community; Continuing the Culture, the Sacred Ground of the Original Church, Family Unity and Continuity, Preservation of what we cherish, Charisms of the Oblates.
 4. Suggestions offered for activities: Incorporating the city into the celebrations, Fr. Ron Rolheiser as a guest speaker on Youth and our Future, a youth sponsored play, liturgical dancers from Holy Cross Church, a speaker from Mexico City to speak on the Guadalupe Apparitions, using resources from city historical societies, a pilgrimage from the original downtown site of the first church structure to the current one, using a professional events planner, incorporating traditions such as the posada, and Día de los Muertos, having someone make a quilt of the cultures and people, education on who we are and where we come from
 5. It is a goal to have all parishioners participate in the planning process and celebrations.
 6. Fr. Cain will email us the Oblates' Constitution to peruse, for further ideas to promote.
 7. June 5 is the deadline for submission of ideas on the theme. Theme will be decided by June 9 and announced at the pulpit talks by Art Cardenas soliciting volunteers at all Masses the weekend of June 10. Council members are asked to be present for signups of volunteers after all Masses, especially heads of committees.
- V. ADJOURNMENT 9:45 PM 1st Teo Tijerina, 2nd Pam Corn

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY OLGA SALAS