

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastoral Council

Council Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2007

Parish Residence, 7 pm

Approved February 8, 2007

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 pm – Helen Knaggs
- II. ROLL CALL – Raul Garcia
MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr Cain, Deacon Mario Renteria, Helen Knaggs, Olga Salas, Minerva Skeith, Salvador Hernandez, Art Cardenas, Leo De La Garza, Pam Corn, Benny Sustaita, Sylvia Castro, Raul Garcia. ABSENT EXCUSED: Al Barrette, Teo Tijerina
- III. OPENING PRAYER– Fr Cain. Parish Mission Statement: Raul Garcia
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF December 14, 2006 – Pam Corn moved approval, Olga Salas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. FINANCE REPORT – Pam Corn presented members a copy of the finance report. The Metrics report was updated. Numbers show an increase in terms of parishioners who are giving. We are collecting more in light of an increased budget this year. Overall, we are on track in collections and ever category shows an increase.
- VI. PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr Cain reported he is working on announcing the transition as a result of the Oblates leaving OLG. He plans to write a letter for insertion in the church bulletin on the Sunday he makes the announcement. Other subjects he touched on were the ACTS ministry's new rosary emphasis. The ministry plans to initiate rosaries at various times during the month both at the church and at parishioner's homes. The Stewardship Committee continues to work on further plans and policies in striving toward stewardship which should result in better utilization of funds.
- VI. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT – Sylvia Castro presented an update and status on the various grants presently being administered. SAT Training for students planning to go to college will be available in March, May and June this year. Funds to continue grant writing for the church have been donated anonymously. Sylvia also presented preliminary results of the Social Ministries survey taken during masses recently. A full report will be published in the church bulletin. The Food Pantry was inspected by the Capital Area Food Bank representatives. There were no negatives although we need more food and items for the pantry. The possibility of having a food drive during a Sunday mass was discussed without any action taken during this report.
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
Sylvia Castro presented proposed plans and architectural drawings for the Oblate Prayer Garden planned as a Centennial Project and funded as a separate project outside the scope of the Centennial Events Committee. Funding and further planning for this project will be discussed at the next Centennial Planning Committee meeting. Art Cardenas presented a brief Centennial Planning report which included preliminary plans for the April 29 Centennial Mass, the announcement of the theme and general announcement of the centennial celebration in February, plans for the Parish Hall dedication and a future Youth Mass. Minerva Skeith updated the council on last month's Report on the Special Committee of Families with Young Children. The proposed cost for the monitoring system for the Cry Room would be approximately \$3,000. She asked the council to consider the solicitation of funds at a later date to complete this proposal.
- X. NEW BUSINESS
Helen Knaggs urged all Council Members to be present during masses during Fr Cain's announcement of the Oblate transition for support and to answer any questions which may arise. A brief discussion on holding a special Pastoral Council Meeting for the parish on the transition followed. The possibility of inviting Bishop Aymond to attend the meeting was discussed. No date was chosen.
- XI. The Chair reminded the council of our next meeting date, which is February 8, 2007 and asked that any reports that need to be presented at the next meeting be forwarded to all members before the meeting in order to minimize meeting time.
- XII. ADJOURNMENT 9:20 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY RAUL C. GARCIA