

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastoral Council
Council Meeting Minutes October 18, 2007 - OLG Ed Room 1, 7 pm

- I. CALL TO ORDER 7:04 pm – Helen Knaggs
- II. OPENING PRAYER – Friar Francisco Muñoz
- III. ROLL CALL – Raul Garcia
PRESENT: Friar Francisco Muñoz, Helen Knaggs, Olga Salas, Salvador Hernandez, Leo De La Garza, Teo Tijerina, Sylvia Castro, Pam Corn, Al Barrette, Benny Sustaita, Art Cardenas, Raul Garcia. ABSENT: Deacon Mario Renteria
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 23, 2007 and September 13, 2007. Motion to approve by Leo De La Garza, seconded by Teo Tijerina was passed unanimously.
- V. GRUPO JUVENIL – The Council heard a presentation from Gustavo Rodriguez, Pedro Cano Trujillo, and David Argueta Velasquez who represent Grupo Juvenil de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, a youth group seeking to become an active ministry of the parish. The trio presented both oral and written documentation of the group's objectives, organization, participants, activities and future plans as a ministry at the church. The group has been meeting at Our Lady of Guadalupe in the past few months and recently participated in the church's Jamaica. After discussion and recommendations from Friar Muñoz, the council heard a motion to accept the group as an established parish organization. Motion to accept by Art Cardenas and seconded by Teo Tijerina was approved unanimously.
- VI. PASTOR'S REPORT – Friar Muñoz presented plans to re-commission the Guadalupanas on December 9 based on members of the organization attending three meetings with him labeled as "platicas", a temporary governing board be chosen and installed by Friar Muñoz, and the group's bylaws be modified with respect to membership requirements. Motion to accept plans for completion of the requirements was made by Olga Salas and seconded by Leo De La Garza. The motion passed unanimously. Plans for the Centennial Guadalupe Feast Day were also discussed. Art Cardenas, who is the chair of the Centennial Committee, was asked to coordinate with the help of the Council, activities for the day-long celebration of masses. Friar Muñoz also presented the idea of including church office staff attendance at council meetings. After discussion, the Council agreed to study the idea and consider further discussion at a future meeting.
- VII. FINANCIAL REPORT – Pam Corn presented a status report on the budget with specific attention to the Finance Committee's consideration to end membership dues in Austin Interfaith as one of the ways to address shortages in the Social Ministry's budget. Following discussion, the council agreed to explore other methods to supplement and address the Social Ministry budget and continue discussion at the next meeting.
- VIII. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT – Sylvia Castro reported that the method of distributing donation envelopes will be changed to mailing them quarterly to save money. The approximate savings will be \$1300. Sylvia also reminded members that we will begin the Newcomer's Coffee in January. Helen Knaggs and Salvador Hernandez volunteered to help with the January coffee. Sylvia also reported she is still looking for a replacement for the front office.
- IX. OLD BUSINESS – Members of the Nominations Committee for the Council vacancy did not have a report for the meeting. Helen Knaggs asked that names of nominees be forwarded to Friar Muñoz before the next council meeting. Salvador Hernandez presented results from this year's Jamaica. A written report on specific expenditures and profits was distributed. The Council voted to reaffirm the non-alcoholic policy at OLG functions and facilities at off-premises retreats as well as on-campus events on a motion by Leo De La Garza and seconded by Olga Salas. After the vote, the Council agreed that the policy needed to be clarified further and should be an item for consideration at the next meeting.
- X. NEW BUSINESS - Sylvia Castro presented ideas and suggestions to move the Parish Offices to the Family Life Center. Sylvia has asked a contractor and an architect to study and determine what is possible and the costs involved before we can proceed with this idea. Benny Sustaita presented a brief report on the next OLG Golf Tournament. It will be held on June 28, 2008 at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course.
- XI. Friar Muñoz offered a closing prayer
- XII. ADJOURNMENT at 9:10 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY RAUL C. GARCIA