

MMG Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2019



Mission of MMG: *The mission of the Men's Ministry Group (MMG) of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) is to share our spiritual journey to benefit our parish and Christian community. With the Gospel, and discipleship of Jesus, making our Christian walk a practice and an active force in the service to one another, within and outside this ministry. To assist with the development of men who have a personal relationship with Jesus and encourage them to be faithful witnesses in all aspects of a Christian walk.*

Members present: Paul Olivas, Enrique Saenz, John Mendoza, Leo De La Garza, Ben Briceno, Marcelino Gonzalez, Armando Villareal, Mando Briceno, Albert Banda, Julian Vasquez, Carlos Briceno

Location: OLG Room#5

Purpose of Meeting: To review how to proceed with this ministry as Paul's leadership commitment ends on December 2019.

Notes:

- Paul is scheduled to step down as President of MMG on December 2019 after our Guadalupe Fest Festival.
- He is currently volunteering with St. William's Church in Round Rock Texas. He is helping with the catechism program every Sunday.
- **Should we have a leadership committee instead of a President at the beginning?**
Members present reviewed this initiative and felt it would serve the ministry better to have a leadership committee take over until such time new members are recruited and then decide how to proceed. Members present willing to be a part of the leadership committee are as follows: Albert Banda, Mando Villarreal, Mando Briceno, Ben Briceno, Enrique Saenz, Marcelino Gonzales, John Mendoza, Julian Vazquez and Leo De La Garza. These members agreed to participate in all meetings and to support the ministry as we move forward. Other members may elect to join the committee as we meet monthly on a regular bases.
- **We should have an agenda for each meeting and minutes completed and provided to share with the OLG community including Friar Florencio.**
- **We reviewed concerns that our ministry has not increased in membership and efforts to get more volunteers have failed. It was suggested we ask the office to do pulpit talks and have a table outside to encourage new members to sign up. It was suggested that a prerequisite to joining the ministry was to have completed an ACTS retreat but members felt the ministry should be open to all members of the Church and not limited to ACTS Members.**

- Marcelino suggested all meetings should start with a prayer in order to ensure we are including spirituality into our meetings.
- We used to provide a community project every year but really this mission was not fully implemented, as soon as we get organized we should identify priorities that the ministry would support, and not be limited to just lawn care services.
- **Can we do more work with the ACTS Leadership group to recruit MMG members from retreat participants? An email was sent to Herb Mokarzel requesting the MMG provide a service talk at the end of their ACTS retreat in November. Herb will be talking to the co-directors to seek approval. We need to reach out to ACTS retreatants as they complete their retreat to catch them early in this process.**
- **Lawn care – can we pay someone to do it regularly, Mando B. will look into this?** Albert suggested we just schedule lawn care every two weeks and ensure the lawn is well cared for. Our responsibility is only the areas next to the Parish hall, and the outside area along the fence in that area. Lupe the Church Custodian is taking care of Friar's house, the school building side of the church and the front of the church. Members agreed to schedule lawn care and be consistent. **Group will have lawn care this Saturday starting at 9AM October 12th.**
- **Christmas GuadalupeFest is scheduled for Sunday December 8th:**

Leo to send out email to vendors and increase cost of booth to \$40. We will ask the vendors to donate one item to a silent auction as part of their contribution to the Church. We agreed to provide the vendors with one free BBQ plate.

Members need to participate in helping set up for the GuadalupeFest on Saturday December 7th.....Be ready for prep on Saturday starting at 9am.

Music- Mando V. Mando agreed to bring his equipment and play Christmas type musicno live band will be invited to this event.

- Lastly- We will be doing a Saturday Posada after the group called Frank Pena and discussed our interest in having a community wide Posada. Frank indicated he will set aside Saturday December 21st for this event but will be asking Sister Claudia, to participate along with the religious catechism kids. If she agrees we can have a neighborhood walk with a donkey (if we can afford and find one) like the old days when we had a community type posada. He will get back with us as soon as possible. But either way we will have a Posada scheduled for Saturday December 21st for a small event or a neighborhood wide event....More later.
- Group agreed to meet again next month **November 6th and 20th** at 6:30pm to continue to review options for 2020.
- Closing prayer provided by Julian Vasquez and he also thanked Paul for his commitment and hard work with this ministry for the past 3 years

Minutes submitted by Paul Olivas with contributions from Leo De La Garza.