

# OUR LADY OF GREENWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

**10/22/2019**

Attendees: Father Todd, Karen Carpenter, Nathan Coulombe, Domenic D'Ettore, Charlie DiGiovanna, Helen Flanigan, Carolyn Gibson, Maria Gomez, Mike Kalscheur, Joe Neeson, Steve Pappas, and Mike Veenhuizen. Also attending were Cindy Rapp (for Stacie Hocker), Judy Koch, Fran Reiley and Fr. Vinny.

**Call to order:** by Joe Neeson at 7:00.

Father Todd read the gospel for this Sunday as opening prayer.

**Corrections and Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Some minor changes to September's minutes were proposed and accepted. Amended minutes approved by Carolyn Gibson and seconded by Steve Pappas.

### I. Reports:

- a) There was no school representative in attendance so no report was given. It was noted that this past week was fall break. The school has been undergoing the accreditation process and awaiting the report.
- c) Helen Flanigan/Kathy Ryan – Faith Formation – see written report. The group will meet next week to discuss Advent small groups. Also, art items may be purchased at Our Lady's Gallery on November 15. OLG will have a record 94 candidates going through Confirmation later this week.
- d) Steve Pappas – Family and Social Life – see written report. Leader for Athletic Board should be shown as John Schausten. Family of the Month form needs to be submitted by Nov. 11. Also, the Keenagers have volunteered to prepare some meals for the priests. They will coordinate with Father Todd and Fr. Vinny on logistics. A Festival Planning Meeting document was also distributed and discussed. Sign-up Genie will be used for getting and tracking festival volunteers. Next planning meeting is on October 30 and all are welcome. **(need to get electronic copy from Steve)**. Thanksgiving meal will be in "voucher" form due to resource constraints. The Boy Scouts have recently cleaned the rectory flower beds. The Guadalupe mass will be held in December.
- e) Charlie DiGiovanna – Spiritual Life – see written report.

- f) Cindy Rapp for Stacie Hocker – Christian Services – no new updates (last month’s report was included)
- g) Fran Reilly – Business Manager – Fran provided and reviewed the September financial statements. We should receive approximately \$300,000 of school voucher money in late October. Collections are down approx. \$38,000, which is similar to last year.
- h) Tony Cooper / Mike Veenhuizen – Stewardship/Development – Anglo and Spanish stewardship committees will begin working together instead of as two separate groups. There is a Planned Giving Seminar on November 2. United Catholic Appeal will be in early November. To date, 199 families have completed the Time, Talent and Treasure forms. The IQE scholarship goal of \$35,000 has been met. The school continues having various fundraisers, such as upcoming purse bingo and Scrip program.
- i) Maria Gomez provided an update on activities of the Spanish community. **Karen has asked her to write-up and send an electronic copy.**

## **II. New business**

- a) There was a good discussion on the group’s thoughts on the book “Living as Missionary Disciples”. The next step will be for Joe and Fr. Todd to develop a list of questions and distribute to group for additional discussion.
- b) Fr. Todd has initiated an informal Spanish Parish Council.

## **III. Old Business:**

- a) Meeting date for November will be as originally planned.
- b) The “How to Become Catholic and/or Receive Sacraments” document has been revised and is now considered final. A suggestion was made to include in bulletin. All staff members will have available as a resource.
- c) Michael Dupont will determine if our AV equipment would allow for sermons to be recorded (audio and video).

## **IV. Open Floor:**

Two rocking chairs have been placed in the back of the church, primarily for nursing moms.

## **V. Comments from Father Todd:**

- a) Job descriptions for all staff members have been updated.

- b) Fr. Todd is in discussions with Archdiocese on possibly making the rectory a ‘house of discernment.’”
- c) There is a new Prepare and Enrich program to train marriage sponsor couples. This program is also available in Spanish.
- d) Fr. Todd and Fr. Vinny would like to see all the homes of OLG parishioners blessed. This would be a huge undertaking and Fr. Todd asked for suggestions on how to get this accomplished over the next several years. A suggestion was made to start with the school families. Faith Formation committee will assist with this and Fr. Vinny will be taking the lead on this initiative.
- e) Fr. Todd would like to see the following financial goals met:
  - Parish to have 3 months of expenses in savings. This would be ~ \$800,000.
  - Address deferred maintenance issues
  - Use endowment money more efficiently (be able to access greater portion for operational needs of parish)
  - Proceeds from festival to be used as savings instead of going to operational needs
- f) Entire staff will be attending the “Art of Flourishing Congregations.” Judy Koch is working on the ministry of Fallen Away Catholics.
- g) News from Archdiocese
  - Bruce Scifres (of Archdiocese) is doing an excellent job of evangelizing to sports group. This is an opportunity for us to use sporting activities as a faith formation opportunity (e.g. CYO)
  - There is a new baptismal rite
  - There is a new Youth Minister for the Archdiocese.
  - Archdiocese Vocations Team has been reorganized. See handout. A brochure of Gethsemani Retreats is included.
  - All speakers must pass a new vetting process implemented by the Archdiocese.

**End Time:** Meeting ended with a prayer at 9:00