



## Guardian Angels Parish Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Attended</b>	Sally Bergum, Tim Collins, Eric Crowell, Daryl Eiden, Scott Guillemette, Patty Hampson, Don Hanninen, Jim Healy, Tina Healy, Samantha Hensch, Fr. Paul Jarvis, Emily Klinker, Debbie Latour, Grecia Lozano, Bill Meyer, Carmen Montes, Mario Montes, Peter Nor????, Nancy Ronhovde, Steve Rasmussen, Mark Stoltman, John Zitony
<b>Absent</b>	Randy Symanitz
<b>Mtg Date</b>	7:00 PM Thursday Nov 15, 2007
<b>Location</b>	St. Francis Hall

### Items Discussed

The Parish Council and Finance Committee had a joint meeting this month to welcome Father Paul and to learn from one another as to the direction Guardian Angels is heading. Also members of the Faith Formation Council and Guardian Angels School and Parish staff attended to join the group discussion.

A potluck supper was held before the meeting. Before beginning, each member presented him/herself and stated their vision and reason for volunteering at Guardian Angels. The majority agreed that we would all like to see more of a sense of community at GA.

#### Welcoming Committee

- 170 new residents per month within a 6 mile radius of Chaska receive a welcome postcard inviting them to Mass at Guardian Angels.
- With new and old members coming to Mass we need to do a better job of welcoming. The committee will reach out to those who are returning due to the new energy with Fr. Paul.
- Committee should follow up with a phone call after sending out postcard or possibly a visit to ones house.
- The welcoming committee will also serve as a way to reconnect existing active members who may have never crossed paths or never met.
- There should be a quarterly welcoming dinner/potluck or RSVP breakfast to officially welcome new members.
- ACH forms need to be handed out and explained properly, also coming soon: credit card transfers.
- Communication should be done through the use of email when possible because it is fast and easy. A bulletin announcement will go out to ask people to send in their emails to stay up to date with what's happening in the parish. Parishioners should be reminded their information is confidential and will never be given away to outside sources.
- Committee will help new members in determining their God-given talents and will guide them as to where they can best use their gifts.
- Parishioners should greet one another before Mass begins to build up the community, the kingdom of God.
- 2-3 people/families are needed to start the welcoming committee. Tina Healy agreed to head the committee.
- Solanus Casey quote: to get to the parents you need to get to the kids.
- Eventually GA would like to have a volunteer receptionist to be open/available to those who can't stop in the office during regular office hours. Anyone is encouraged to help out with as much time as they would like. There would possibly be 3 shifts of 4 hours.
- At the Basilica there is a committee that searches for leaders and then helps them to harness their giftedness and to build on success.
- There is a strong desire to have a Hispanic representative on the welcoming committee to bridge the gap and to focus on the needs of this strong community at GA.
- A question was brought up regarding the Hispanic community's involvement in the pictorial directory and how the welcoming committee can register more families so that any extra help/services needed can be provided by GA and the archdiocese. Eric will talk with Rita Vannett about possibly taking group pictures which might be more widely accepted.
- A family exchange program was also mentioned again as a way to bring about a stronger community at GA. It would entail names of families being drawn at random from a bin to promote fellowship amongst one another.
- Any translation needed can be sent to Carmen Montes, Mario Montes, Silvia Stoltman, Mark Stoltman and anyone else fluent in both languages and willing

#### Love INC

- Approved. Tim Collins will contact Jeff Burzinski to confirm GA's desire to be involved in this project. It was agreed that a coordinator for this volunteer ministry will evolve from the welcoming committee. In the mean time the Parish Council will be responsible.

#### Finance Committee

- The finance committee described their vision for the parish and what areas need attention.
- They also expressed their goals and those of the parish in order continue to grow as a parish community. These goals consisted of increasing weekly giving, eliminating parish debts, adding a new wing to the school, restoring the friary into parish offices and senior center, and creating an endowment fund.
- Before any expanding/renovating takes place the debt will need to be eliminated.
- There are several campaigns underway to make this all possible including some tie-ins to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- Also discussed was the upcoming audit due to the change in pastor.

#### 150th Anniversary Update

- The calendar is almost finished and full of great events.

The two councils agreed that joint council meetings like this are necessary for us all to reach our goals. The future joint council meeting date is to be determined, possibly taking place on a quarterly basis. For the next meeting leaders of all groups/organizations/clubs will be invited.

For the next meeting pulpit announcements will be made to encourage all parishioners to join the discussion and to remind them that all meetings are open to everyone.

Next meeting Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month).