

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish Council

Meeting Minutes - 2/26/08

Attendees:

Joseph Poppiti
Anthony Albence
Lucretia Serio
Elaine Duggan
Jim DelGrosso
Bruce Brunozzi
Vince Martone
Cammie Conforti
Bill McNabb
Anthony Frabizzio
Barbara Marsilii
Fr. John McGinley OSFS
Fr. Francis Rinaldi OSFS

1. Opening Prayer - Fr. McGinley

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 2008 Meeting

1. Motion made and seconded.
2. Meeting minutes approved

3. Discussion Topics

a. Parish Financial Updates

i. Budget Status - Fr. McGinley presenter

1. Budget meeting occurred 2 weeks ago - budget is still a work in progress.
2. There is a \$50 penalty for late school registration
3. There is a concern with the upper grades
4. St. Thomas will get another school year - they need to maintain 170 students. They are currently at about 200 students.
5. Finished in the black last fiscal year - still have an overall debt of about \$190,000

ii. Continuing the Legacy Campaign Update -

Anthony Frabizzio/Fr. McGinley presenters

1. Campaign is moving along - at a slower pace right now.
2. Currently working on endowments-Anthony Frabizzio and Frank Biondi to approach different places.
3. A letter will be drafted the week of the 10th
4. After Easter a gift in kind from Mark Rizzo will be given the mosaic over the altar will be re-done.
 - a. Working with Wintherthur on proper cleaning techniques.
5. Gene Battaglia is doing the lighting work in the church
6. So far there are \$1.74 million in pledges - still not too late for parishioners to donate.
7. A donor can sponsor a window to be re-done for \$10-\$15k.
8. Bill McNabb suggestion - possible conceptual drawings - idea will be brought to the cabinet

b. Parish Suggestion Box Update - Anthony Albence presenter

1. There should be quiet in the church when exiting – blurb will be put into the parish bulletin.
2. Suggestion from Lucretia Serio: She was asked when the picture of Fr. Mario will be displayed in the church. This will be referred to the Liturgy Committee.

4. High School Representatives Report

No reports given - no representatives present

5. Standing Committee Updates (WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED)

a. Parish and Family Life - Anthony Albence presenter

1. Meeting was on 2/3/08
2. Monthly Socials:
In future planning, committee will examine potentially varying frequency of socials from first Sunday of each month to coincide more closely with "special" parish events, regardless of the Sunday on which the events are held.

- Anthony will purchase a bagel cutter for safety reasons.
3. Easter Egg Hunt
Committee will move ahead with plans used for event in 2007.
Anthony will handle PR in bulletin and to Grade School families.
 4. Parish Open House
Tentatively planned for Sunday 9/14/08
Al and Nancy Bestwick are working with Mark Alberti and Cammie Conforti. Anthony if offering support and assistance as needed.
Goal of the event is to connect parishioners to parish ministries and reinvigorate parish ministries and activities
A deliverable after this event will be a comprehensive directory/single point of reference for all parish group organizations/ministries
 5. First Sunday meeting is coming - Social hosted by Respect for Life after 11am mass.

b. Christian Formation - Cammie Conforti presenter

1. Faith before Five - may need a new teacher next year.
2. Committee is developing a religious education survey.
3. The Diocese wants for the '09 school year a religious meeting for High School students.

c. Social Concerns

No Report Given

d. Building and Maintenance - Bruce Brunozzi presenter

Bruce completed a scope of the project for the mosaic cleaning

e. Liturgy - Barbara Marsilii presenter

1. Meeting was held on 2/5
2. There are new lectors and Eucharistic ministers
3. In addition to having greeters at the main entrance of the church, we plan on having greeters at the side entrances as well.
4. The Children's Choir will sign at the 11:00am Mass starting in March and not at the 9:00am
5. There are 11 RCIA members joining the church at the Easter

Vigil

6. The PA system in our church is not adequate. Tony Albano will be submitting a proposal to fix the system.
7. Mark Blashke was complimented on the music being well coordinated with the readings. Also that we are signing the responsorial psalm for the missal
8. The Lord's Prayer by Malotte is being retired - this version is not liturgical.
9. Suggestions to increase participation at the Vespers on Tuesday night:
 - Announcement at Sunday mass.
 - Put information in the bulletin and Dialog
10. The parish mission scheduled for March has been rescheduled for October 8th, 15th and 22nd. The guest speaker will be Fr. DeLillio OSFS.
11. Mark and Patty are trying to find the bells that used to be rung at the consecration of the host.
12. Holy Week schedule was reviewed.
13. Visitors book update: 248 visitors, 106 post cards sent out.
14. Possibility of selling the visitors post cards at the Italian Festival - need to work with Union Press on this. Also please check with Ann Consorto whose daughter took the picture.

f. Italian Festival - Jim DelGrosso/ Anthony Albence presenters

1. The fencing project is still ongoing.
2. Still looking for someone to be the lead person in the money room.
3. Looking for ticket booths for the gates - Bill McNabb said he will check with the University of Delaware.
4. Possibility of using St. Anthony's alumni to man the ticket booths.

g. Respect Life - Elaine Duggan presenter

1. No new reports - after church Social coming up this month

h. YAC - Vince Martone presenter

1. Italian Night coming up at Founier Hall - \$25 a ticket.

i. Scouting - Cammie Conforti presenter

1. Girl Scouts: Cammie would like to thank everyone for the cookie sales
 - a. Girl Scout troop sold 89 cases of cookies

b. The Troop is taking a trip to Williamsburg in June

j. Saint Anthony's In The Hills - Anthony Albence presenter

1. Strategic planning is still underway

k. Holy Name Society - Joe Poppiti presenter

1. Communion Breakfast planned for the April/May timeframe
2. Holy Name Society paying for the Zoli Band on Good Friday - will also walk in the procession.

l. Sodality - Lucretia Serio presenter

1. No Sodality mass on 3/16 - due to the fact that it is Palm Sunday
2. On Good Friday the Sodality will attend the Via Crucis and will also walk in the Gesu Cristo Morto procession

6. Grade School Update/Home School Update

a. School Marketing/Enrollment - Vince Martone presenter

1. Open enrollment for the grade school is year round.
2. Grocery Coupons is the largest fundraiser - avg giveback is 5% from merchants. Sold after all masses. Please encourage and use.

i. Long Range Planning/Work with SCORE - Anthony Albence presenter

1. Working with one of the members of SCORE on Long Range Planning.
2. Possible tours of the school during Festival week.

7. Music Ministry Update - Mark Blaschke presenter

1. No changes for Holy Week
2. Trumpet player and clarinet player are giving their time for various services coming up.
3. The website is being well utilized - hoping for a multi-media experience in the future.
4. Congregational response to music during mass - Need better lighting for the Cantor/Lector

8. New Business

Fr. Rinaldi:

1. Two priests (Frs. McGinley and Garst) are celebrating milestone

anniversaries.

Possible joint celebration.

Take back to various groups for feedback/suggestions

Anthony Albence:

1. Need to form a nominations committee, will discuss more next month.

9. Pastor's Comments - Fr. McGinley

1. Annual Catholic Appeal:

\$72,500 was goal last year - we received a \$4700 check back from the Diocese.

\$71,700 is the goal this year.

10. Closing Prayer/Adjournment