

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish Council

Meeting Minutes – 9/23/08

Attendees:

Joseph Poppiti
Lucretia Serio
Josephine Panariello
Karen Truitt
Bruce Brunozzi
Fr. John McGinley OSFS
Bill McNabb
Elaine Duggan
Pete Gigliotti
Barbara Marsilli
Ken Panella
Carolina Alberti
Anthony Albence
Dario Testardi
Anthony Frabizzio
Jim DelGrosso
Deacon Robert Leonzio
Mark Blaschke

1. Opening Prayer - Fr. McGinley

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 2008, Meeting

1. Due to technical glitch minutes for May, 2008 Parish Council meeting were not available.

3. Affirming Council Officers for 2008-2009

1. President of Parish Council
 - a. Anthony Albence nominated and seconded
 - b. Anthony Albence accepted nomination
2. Vice-President of Parish Council
 - a. Ken Panella nominated and seconded
 - b. Ken Panella accepted nomination

3. Parish Council Secretary
 - a. Joe Poppiti nominated and seconded
 - b. Joe Poppiti accepted nomination

4. Discussion Topics

a. Parish Financial Updates

i. Budget Status - Fr. McGinley presenter

1. The first quarter's income was 6% under last year's first quarter
 - a. Focus this year will be to increase attendance in church in order to increase tithing.

ii. Continuing the Legacy Campaign Update – Fr. McGinley & Anthony Frabizzio presenters

1. So far over \$800,000 has been collected
2. The summer was quiet
3. So far over \$2million has been pledged
 - a. Goal is \$2.5 million
4. There are some outstanding large donors still
5. There has been 438 gifts from the Parish, almost 50% of the active families
 - a. Mean gift = \$1000
6. The possibility was raised that perhaps a "Sponsor A Pipe" campaign could be used to help raise money for the new organ.
 - a. This will be taken to the Continuing the Legacy Committee

b. Annual Catholic Appeal – Fr. McGinley presenter

1. The parish is down \$4000 off of last year

c. Parish Open House Update (10/12/08) – Fr. McGinley/Anthony Albence presenters

1. The event will take place following the 11:00 mass
2. There will be 7-8 groups in the Ballad Room
 - a. Purpose will be to show off the parish and invite people to join various groups.
3. In conjunction with that there will be a Parish Mission in October featuring Fr. DeLillio as the speaker

d. Priests' Jubilee Celebration Planning (11/2/08) – Anthony Albence presenter

1. Parish Family Life will be take the lead
 - a. The Holy Name Society has agreed to cater the event
 - b. Event has been moved to 11/9/08
 - c. Will be held in the Ballad Room

e. Community Event with St. Paul's Parish – Anthony Albence and Fr. McGinley presenters

1. The event is sponsored by the Franciscans
 - a. A Stop The Violence event
2. Will take place on the 3rd Monday in January (Martin Luther King Day) – will take the form of a prayer service.
3. Motion made by Carolina Alberti that we should only join in with the event unless at least 4 other parishes do so as well.
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion carried.

5. High School Representatives Report

1. An open invitation will be made to students from Padua, Ursuline, Salesianum and any local colleges
2. Motion made by Ken Panella to use a rotating roster of former St. Anthony's Grade School students.
 - a. Motion seconded
 - b. Motion carried

**6. Standing Committee Updates
(WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED)**

a. Parish and Family Life – Bill McNabb/Anthony Albence presenters

1. The committee met in August
2. The monthly socials can be transformed in order to accommodate special events
3. There will not be any evening socials

b. Christian Formation – Anthony Albence presenter

1. The Parish survey was completed
 - a. Actions will be taken based on the results
2. Faith Before Five
 - a. Want to kick the-off the program soon
 - b. Still in need of an instructor

c. Social Concerns – Deacon Robert Leonzio presenter

1. Planning meeting occurred
2. Fall is a busy time for the committee
 - a. Mass of Remembrance
 - b. Food Collection
 - c. Coat Drive

d. Building and Maintenance – Bruce Brunozzi presenter

1. The electrical work in done in the church
2. Windows will be completed this week
3. All projects have come in very much on budget

e. Liturgy - Barbara Marsilii presenter

1. The Liturgy Committee Retreat was held on Saturday, Sept. 20th
 - a. Purpose was to review and plan for the upcoming Liturgical season
2. There are several special masses that require attention
 - a. Parish Mission
 - b. Healing Mass
 - c. Family Masses
 - d. Parish Open House
 - e. Mass of Remembrance
 - f. Veteran's Day Mass
3. The results of the Liturgical Ministers survey were discussed
4. Going Forward: all Liturgy Committee coordinators were asked to expand on personal formation.

f. Italian Festival – Jim DelGrosso presenter

1. Gross for this past year was \$980,000 – under \$200,000 net
2. There were approximately 250 people at the August workers party
3. Steering Committee met 2 weeks ago
 - a. Food is still being sold

- b. More entrance points will be added next year
 - i. 9th and DuPont Sts
 - ii. 9th and Lincoln Sts
- c. The theme for this year's festival will be Venice

g. Respect Life - Elaine Duggan presenter

- 1. Bottles for Babies to benefit Birthright of Delaware
 - a. Will be distributed at all masses the weekend of Oct. 4th and 5th
 - b. Can be turned in up to Oct 26th.
- 2. The Committee will sponsor an organ donation presentation followed by a Q & A period on Sunday, Oct 26th at 2:00pm in the Ballad Room.

h. YAC - Ken Panella presenter

- 1. 90 students are participating
- 2. Contribution to the parish is still in discussion
- 3. Need to find a new basketball coach
- 4. Thanks given by the Festival Committee to YAC for their help in the success of the Secured Access Plan

i. Scouting - Cammie Conforti presenter

- 1. Boy Scouts:
 - a. 2 boys passed the Eagle Review Board
- 2. Girl Scouts:
 - a. There are 23 girls involved this year

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

- 1. Board meeting is going to occur tomorrow

k. Holy Name Society - Joe Poppiti presenter

- 1. Procession on St. Anthony's Day had a fair turnout
 - a. A new coordinator will be in place next year to increase attendance
- 2. The Buck Serio Lounge has been improved
- 3. About 20 new members joined over the summer
- 4. Events:
 - a. 10/10 – Bingo
 - b. 10/24 – Texas Hold 'Em
 - c. 10/25 – Halloween Party – open to all. There will be

refreshments for children

I. Sodality - Lucretia Serio presenter

1. The Sodality gave a gift to the graduating class of Padua
 - a. \$50 award for the highest academic student
 - b. \$50 award to the highest business student
2. The Mother/Daughter Breakfast will be catered by Creations by Catherine – will take place on December 7th.
 - a. Guest speaker will be Sr. Katie McErlean

7. Grade School Update/Home School Update

a. School Marketing/Enrollment

1. Enrollment update: 304 students – only down 1
 - a. Four new students coming after the first of the year.
 - b. Currently school is one track for grades 1 thru 6 and two tracks for 7th and 8th grades
2. Bishop Malooley update:
 - a. Will visit Padua on 11/25
 - b. Will preside over confirmation on 12/13
 - c. Will visit the grade school on 1/30
 - d. Parish mass will be on 3/8

7. Music Ministry Update - Mark Blaschke presenter

1. Thanks given to all parish members for suggestions
2. Website is in the works

8. New Business

1. Columbus Day Breakfast – Anthony Albence and Anthony Frabizzio presenters
 - a. There will be a mass at 7:30 followed by a breakfast
 - b. Half of the proceeds will go to the grade school for a new PA system

9. Pastor's Comments - Fr. McGinley

1. Please keep Bishop Saltarelli in your prayers

10. Closing Prayer/Adjournment

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, 10/21/08 @ 7:00pm