

## **St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

### *Parish Pastoral Council*

Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2012

7:00PM

*IN ATTENDANCE:* Fr. Gerard Mahoney, OSFS, Fr. John McGinley, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Mark Blaschke, Bruce Brunozzi, Anthony Frabizzio, Pete Gigliotti, Lynn Kee, Barbara Marsilii, Josephine Panariello, Lucretia Serio

*EXCUSED:* Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Carolina Alberti, Virginia Bahr, Furio Casale, Paul Ceresini, Jim DelGrosso, Pete Giorgi, Ken Panella, Patty Roach, Karen Truitt

- Opening Prayer
  - Offered by Fr. McGinley.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 2012 Meeting
  - Barbara Marsilii moved & Anthony Frabizzio seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Parish Financial Update
  - Air Conditioning Project: unit has arrived and will be installed this week. Total project cost is approximately \$65,000.
  - Continuing the Legacy Campaign
    - Work is underway to close the campaign and to acknowledge donors. A donor recognition plaque will be placed in the church vestibule, adjacent to an existing plaque honoring parish founders.
    - Total amount pledged for the campaign is \$2.06 million.
    - Bishop will bless the organ after 11:00AM Mass on Sunday, 5/20. A reception will follow in the Ballad Room. This event will officially close the campaign. The Dialog is expected to cover the event.
    - The choir loft extension was completed (in conjunction with the organ project). Total project cost was \$13,000.
    - Final elements of the organ installation (e.g., lighting, sound system fine tuning) are pending.
  - Annual Catholic Appeal
    - To date, \$54,222 has been pledged toward the parish goal of \$71,200. (i.e., 76% of goal)
    - Advanced giving totaled a bit more than \$35,000 (i.e., approximately 50% of goal)
    - 164 donors have participated to date (i.e., approximately 16% of parishioners)
  - Diocesan Planning Process
    - Fr. McGinley, Anthony Albence, and Lynn Kee represented the parish at the City Deanery discussion, and shared the conclusions from the parish level discussion for the process held at the March Parish Council meeting.
    - Discussion centered on opportunities for collaboration & sharing resources throughout the City Deanery.

- Nominations & Elections Update
  - Three nominations have been received to dates, and the nominees have not confirmed if they will accept their nominations (to date).
  - Nominations remain open through Masses this coming weekend.
  - All Council members are asked to encourage others to self-nominate or to nominate a fellow parishioner to serve on the Council.
- High School Representative Update
  - Amber Saxton from St. Mark's provided several updates
    - This week was Prom Promise Week to promote safety around prom season
    - The school's spring musical, *My Fair Lady*, was a very successful production.
    - Psychology Week was recently celebrated in the school.
    - Several school sports teams have won State Championships.
    - Bishop Malooly visited the school on the Feast of St. Mark, and celebrated Mass.
- Grade School/Home & School Association
  - Principal Virginia Bahr has resigned. Her last day of employment will be 6/30/2012.
    - A committee including the Pastor, Trustees, and representatives from the Catholic Schools Office will serve as a search committee for an Interim Principal. The Interim Principal will be re-evaluated in early 2013 to determine if he/she will be offered a permanent position.
  - Lynn presented a written report (April-May 2012) & reviewed highlights. (NOTE: a copy of the March 2012 report was also provided.)
  - Visitors from Wilmington's Sister City Olevano sul Tusciano are on site this week. Several members of the Home & School Association are hosting the visitors & coordinating several events this week.
- Standing Committee Reports
  - Parish & Family Life
    - April Social/Parish Easter Egg Hunt was very successful. Approximately 150 attendees, and 60 children participated in the Hunt.
    - Final social before the summer break is scheduled for Sunday, 5/6.
    - Socials for this year have been well attended, averaging between 125-150 attendees.
  - Building & Maintenance
    - Repairs needed due to tree roots cracking sidewalk blocks have been completed.
    - An air conditioning system upgrade for the rectory is currently underway.
  - Italian Festival
    - A new arrangement is planned to operate the former Surfside Café in partnership with existing vendor Caffè Gelato. A number of attractions are planned for the tented area adjacent to the café.
    - Outdoor seating will be added to the Ballad Room, which will again this year be operated in partnership with La Casa Pasta/Chesapeake Inn.
    - Initial PR for the Festival (focusing on the new organ & its debut at the Gala Concert on 6/10) has been very successful.
  - Respect Life
    - A screening of the documentary *Blood Money*, regarding the abortion industry was shown. A new committee member was recruited at this event.

- Sodality Mass: 9AM Mass on Sunday, 3/18 (Lucretia's birthday!). A total of 17 Sodalists attended. Michael Barrone served as cantor, and Julie DeJulius and Lucretia Serio served as gift bearers.
    - Sodalists will attend the Good Friday performance of the Via Crucis and walk in the Procession following the performance
  - St. Anthony in the Hills
    - Board meeting will be held on 5/1.
    - Current topics under consideration: proposal for regular use of the amphitheater (for 2013 and onward), and a new management agreement for the facility.
    - This year's Easter Sunrise Service was very successful. Attendance was one of the best in event history: approximately 475 attendees.
  - Holy Name Society
    - The organization has stabilized and is operating smoothly.
  - Sodality
    - In the Marian month of May, flowers are placed at the Shrine of our Lady each Saturday.
    - May Procession is scheduled for Sunday, 5/20. This will include a procession with blue carnations, and the crowning of the Blessed Mother. Lolly Marini was selected as Sodalist to do the crowning.
- Music Ministry Update
  - As mentioned earlier in the meeting, some finish work is still needed to "fine tune" the organ and the expanded choir loft
  - Mark will modulate the volume on the "Trumpets of St. Anthony's" horns (& organ volume, generally), based on feedback that they might be too loud when played.
- New Business
  - Maria Finamore, Director of the Via Crucis, was nominated by the parish as our first nominee to receive the Office for Catholic Youth Ministry's Volunteer of the Year Award.
  - Anthony Albence volunteered to investigate (with City of Wilmington parking enforcement officials) the situation regarding the illegally parked tractor trailer cab on the 900 block of N. Scott Street, adjacent to Fr. Tucker Field)
- Adjournment/Closing Prayer
  - Fr. Mahoney offered the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Albence  
Secretary

***NEXT MEETING (NOTE DATE CHANGE): Tuesday, 5/22/2012 @ 7PM***