

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes For February 28, 2012, 7:00 PM

Attendance Report

Parish Pastoral Council	Present	Excused	Absent
Albence, Anthony		X	
Alberti, Carolina			X
Brunozzi, Bruce	X		
Casale, Furio	X		
Ceresini, Paul			X
DelGrosso, Jim	X		
Frabizzio, Anthony	X		
Gigliotti, Pete	X		
Giorgi, Pete	X		
Kee, Lynn	X		
Marsilii, Barbara	X		
Panariello, Josephine	X		
Panella, Ken			X
Roach, Patty			X
Serio, Lucretia	X		
Truitt, Karen			X

Parish Staff

Bahr, Virginia	X		
Blaschke, Mark	X		
Leonzio, Deacon Bob			X
Mahoney, OSFS, Fr. Gerard	X		
Mann, Cindy			X
McGinley, OSFS, Fr. John	X		
Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Frank	X		

Guests

Rodowicz, Katelyn - Padua Academy Student Representative	X		
Giorgi, Ellen - Acting Secretary	X		

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1. **Opening Prayer** was offered by Fr. McGinley.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2012 Meeting:** Anthony Frabizzio moved and Bruce Brunozzi seconded the motion to approve the Minutes as reviewed. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Discussion Topics**
 - A. Long-range Plan Implementation Review/Update: No report/discussion.
 - B. Parish Financial Update/Budget Update: No report/discussion.
 - C. Continuing the Legacy Campaign: Projects Update
 - 1) New Organ Update: Fr. McGinley reported as follows:
 - a. Construction underway for choir loft changes to accommodate new organ.
 - b. Images of the Pope and Bishop to be added. Design discussions underway about proportional appropriateness of additional images being added.
 - c. Organ installation schedule on plan.
 - d. Discussion underway with Board of Trustees/Legacy Campaign concerning deciding the most appropriate way to recognize donors to the Legacy Campaign. Committee report to follow at a later date.
 - e. A blessing by Bishop Malooly scheduled for either Saturday evening Mass on May 19, 2012 or Sunday 11:00 AM Mass on May 20, 2012. Decision to follow.
 - D. Facility Management Report
 - 1) Fr. McGinley updated the Council regarding the Parish air conditioning system.
 - 2) Discussion ensued around the decision to postpone replacement of the "chiller". Fr. McGinley stressed that two proposals had been received, both included highly respected mechanical systems (York and Carrier), and both proposals had reported that the "chiller" had an additional 5 to 10 years of life expectancy. Fr. McGinley further commented that the company being awarded the bid (Building Systems & Services, Inc.) is also doing the maintenance on the Church's mechanical systems.

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- 4. High School Representative(s) Update:** A thorough and interesting report was presented by Katelyn Rodowicz. Ms. Rodowicz, a Padua Academy Senior, plays field hockey, enjoys making friends, and is looking forward to her college experience. She has been accepted at four schools – plans to stay local: we are lucky to have her! Key points of her report included:
- A. Under the direction of Mrs. Mann, a new culinary experience has been introduced in the cafeteria which focuses on healthier choices and longer hours, encouraging students to avoid out-sourced fast food snack alternatives.
 - B. There are several new sport teams on campus, including a new tennis team (which has a new coach who is a former student,) and a new crew (rowing) team that is part of the Newport Rowing Club as well.
 - C. Staying current with the times, the curriculum has also added TV/video production class which contributes to the www.Padua360.com web site.
 - D. The school curriculum is integrating these new programs by implementing a "Flex Period Program". This change allows students extra time with teachers when needed, an opportunity for a morning snack if they are famished, as well as time to focus on their core subjects.
 - E. Of particular interest to the Board was Katelyn's report about the Exchange Program. There has been a French Exchange Program, and there is currently an Austria Exchange Program underway: encouraging the students to have a global vision of their citizenship.
 - F. From a local perspective, the school continues their exchange with Salesianum School's male student body, and with Ursilian's Academy's music program.
 - G. The school works on "giving back" to the community. Blue/gold week is underway, with a focus on child/adult mental illness support. A blood drive has been taken as well. A discussion about role models and mentoring with a focus on respected women authors is also underway.
 - H. The school and its facilities are undergoing a security upgrade funded by a \$95,000.00 grant.
 - I. Katelyn concluded her report by commenting on the sad, recent passing on January 26, 2012 of student Sarah Smith. The school is supporting a scholarship fund set-up in her name.
- 5. Grade School and Home School Update:** Principal Ginger Bahr provided an update. A copy of this report, as well as the report recapping the recent visit to the school by the Diocesan Catholic Schools office, will be included as part of the meeting minutes.

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6. Standing Committee Updates

- A. Parish and Family Life: No report/discussion.
- B. Christian Formation: No report/discussion.
- C. Social Concerns: No report/discussion.
- D. Building and Maintenance: See "Discussion Topics" above.
- E. Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - 1) Barbara Marsilii commented that a challenging meeting schedule issue has precluded this group from meeting regularly. A new meeting schedule of the first Tuesday of every month has been instituted.
 - 2) A comment was made by Barbara that the new Liturgy cards are hard to find in the church. Fr. McGinley stated that they did not buy more – they secured additional copies from Padua Academy. The plea has been to the parishioners to "leave them in the pews." There was a general consensus that these colorful cards are not easily found by Mass participants.
- F. Italian Festival: A report was presented by Jim DelGrosso.
 - 1) The focus of this year's Festival is Sicily. A trip to Sicily will be auctioned. Further details will be reported at the next meeting.
 - 2) Pete Giorgi commented about the interest other parishes have shown in how St. Anthony's improved the safety and upbeat nature of the Festival by creating a fenced-in, security-focused compound. Jim commented that the parish had been asked by several churches "how we did it". (Anthony A. has presented our concept to other parishes that have requested additional information on logistics/setup.)
 - 3) A comment was made that Festival attendance was up, as was revenue, in 2011.
- G. Respect Life
 - 1) Josephine Panariello informed the Board that there will be a Planned Parenthood meeting after the April 22, 2012 Mass.
 - 2) A new granite memorial will be installed on March 25, 2012 in honor of "The Unborn". It will be placed in front of the Blessed Mother statue outside of the Rectory. It will be dedicated by Bishop Malooly May 20, 2012, after the 11AM Mass.
- H. YAC (Youth Activities Council): Although there was no formal report presented, Fr. McGinley shared with the Board that the 7th to 8th graders placed 2nd in the championship game against St. Joseph. We all should be proud of their accomplishment!

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Fr. McGinley also noted these young athletes attended Mass, properly dressed – and there was a "full house" in the church!

- I. Scouting Report: No report/discussion.
- J. Saint Anthony in the Hills: Fr. McGinley reported that the new building currently under construction will be completed in June, 2012.
- K. Holy Name Society: No report
- L. Sodality: A synopsis of the report by Lucretia Serio, President, follows:
 - 1) The February 19, 2012 Sodality Mass was shared with the Italo-American United, Inc. group during the annual Mass dedicated to their deceased members. Lucretia commented on how impactful it was for a representative to read the names, while two other members lit candles. She complimented Mark Blaschke for helping organize this.
 - 2) Fr. McGinley asked that the Meeting Minutes reflect the Parish's open-arm welcome to all Italian groups: they are parishioners by affiliation.
 - 3) The Sodality met on Tuesday, February 21st. At this meeting, members discussed change in their pre-Mass worship practices. The revised plan is for the Sodality members to arrive 20 minutes before Mass, begin the "office" prayers, finishing about 5 minutes before Mass starts. The Council voted to modify the reading of the "office" prayers.

7. Music Ministry

- A. Director of Music Ministries Mark Blaschke commented on a positive reaction he has seen as people are holding their books and that participation in Mass responses (new texts) is improving.
- B. The new Mass of Christ the Savior has been well-received.
- C. Cantors are making announcements to ask Mass attendees to return the worship aides when leaving church. (Many of the aides have been lost & have needed to be replaced.)
- D. Mark noted that Parish Novena attendance, while still relatively low, is stable and growing (on some evenings).
- E. Mark noted that the new sound system has worked well for the Via Crucis presentation. Jim DelGrosso agreed to work on some modifications after Easter. Mark also noted that the participation in the Via Crucis overall is up and that participants have a positive attitude.

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- F. Mark commented that the choir is now 21 to 22 people strong, and that the Novena attendance is up! Although it only lasts 20 to 25 minutes - the past attendance of 15 people has been increased to 22.
- G. Mark commented that the new organ installation was in progress. He has posted images on the parish website, and Anthony A. has posted a link on the parish Facebook page. The acoustical tiles against the back wall have been removed so the organ people can complete the installation. It is exhilarating to see Italian and Spanish artisans working on the new organ installation. During the construction in the choir loft, the choir will assemble in front of the tabernacle for Masses, and in the old choir loft (balcony at front left of church) for the Via Crucis. Mark also commented that the console from the old organ was able to be saved and sent to the Queen Theater – fitting in that this is where it came from. (See above Item 3C, "Continuing the Legacy Campaign" for a complete report on the new organ.)
- H. The annual Mass for deceased members of Italo-Americans United was held at the 9AM Mass on Sunday, 2/19.
- I. Barbara Marsilii commented that once the organ was in place in the choir loft, Mark will need a way to monitor the progress of a ceremony/Mass. While he has a mirror system by the new organ, a monitor may be needed for weddings, funerals and other such events.
- J. Mark reported that the gala concert for the Italian Festival on June 10, 2012 is in progress, as are the concerts for the entire week. The first concert will focus on selected music from Italian composers from Sicily.

8. New Business

- A. A spirited discussion ensued around the importance of separation between church and state. Fr. McGinley asked the group to focus on this issue exclusively. The Church has no political position.

9. Pastor's Comments: Other than those recounted earlier in these Minutes, no specific comments were made.

10. Closing Prayer/Adjournment: Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Giorgi, Sr., President

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM