

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2015

In Attendance: Fr. Gerry Mahoney, OSFS, Fr. Robert Rutledge, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Br. Mike Rosenello, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Jim DelGrosso, Carol Ann Dougherty, Anthony Frabizzio, Pete Giorgi, Dave Haney, Lynn Kee, Maria Panella, Patty Roach, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Nick led the group in the Opening Prayer, the Angelus.
- Meeting Minutes
 - Anthony F. moved and Patty seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report
 - None present/no report.
- Discussion Items
 - Parish Planning Commission
 - Fr. Nick offered insights on the latest updates on the Parish Planning Commission.
 - The teams gathered April 20th and shared their work with all Commission members.
 - A Validation Council will be convened to review PAT recommendations and to determine next steps to formulate the plan to be adopted and enacted.
- Grade School Report
 - Bob Shields provided an oral report. Highlights included:
 - Bob met with Judy today regarding work underway related to the Middle States Reaccreditation process currently underway. The reaccreditation team will be on-site April 24-27, 2016.
 - Re-enrollment currently stands at 193 students, with 37 additional students expected to return. Projected enrollment for 2015-2016 should be about equal to current year enrollment. (i.e., approximately 250 students)
 - May Procession is scheduled for Wednesday, 5/6 @2:00PM.
- Home & School Report
 - Bob provided a report on the recent Coach Bag Bingo fundraiser. This was a new fundraiser which raised approximately \$3,000 (bingo proceeds). Some additional funds were raised from refreshment sales.
- Committee Updates
 - Parish and Family Life
 - The Parish Easter Egg Hunt was held on Palm Sunday, 3/29, following the 11AM Mass, and was very successful. Approximately 70 children participated, with total attendance of approximately 230 people.
 - The committee will offer the final social of the year on Sunday, 5/3, continue to offer socials after the 9AM & 11AM Mass, & reevaluate offering the socials after both Masses in the fall.
 - Building and Maintenance
 - A new air conditioning chiller will be installed to service the Ballad Room; permitting air conditioning in the Ballad Room will operate independent of the church system.

- Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - Fr. Nick recapped liturgical celebrations for Holy Week & Easter. Triduum & Easter Sunday Masses were well-attended.
- Italian Festival
 - Planning for this year's Festival is well underway.
 - A Threat Assessment & Inclement Weather Policy is being developed.
 - The Alley Bar will not return this year, with the customers served by that area being handled by the Antonian (Lower) Bar & Ballad Room (Take-Out) bar.
 - Wednesday setup nights will begin on 4/15.
- YAC
 - A new YAC board will take office in May.
 - The YAC Sports Banquet will be held on Saturday, 5/16 at Padua Cafetorium.
- Scouts Report
 - Elaine provided a written report, which she reviewed at the meeting. This report will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
- St. Anthony in the Hills
 - The appraisal of properties, including SAITH, is currently underway. The property continues to be properly secured given that no activities will occur on site this season.
- Holy Name Society
 - No report
- Sodality
 - A proposal for a prayer garden around the rectory has been proposed. This idea will not be acted upon until the work of the Parish Planning Commission has concluded.
 - The bake sale held this past weekend was successful. A report will be offered at the May meeting.
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - A fundraiser was held this past weekend was held in memory of Phil Rendina, raising funds for the Grade School Discretionary Education Fund. Approximately \$10,000 was raised.
 - The Pastoral Council has requested clarification from the Finance Council regarding the buildings included the appraisal of parish properties currently underway.
 - Council nominations/elections will not be held this year. Fr. Nick expressed his desire for the Council to take a meaningful role providing meaningful input on the parish Pastoral Plan promulgated by the Parish Planning Commission (PPC).
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
 - Fr. Nick offered additional comments on the current status of the PPC, and how the Pastoral Council will be included and integrated into the work of discerning the recommendations of the PPC.
 - Anthony A. reiterated that, in light of the heightened expectations of the Council regarding upcoming work of reviewing/providing input that on the work of the Parish Planning Commission, that continuity of members was very important. In light of this, Fr. Nick requested that all Council members agree to extend their current terms by one year. Under this plan, no elections will take place this year. Following discussion on the proposal, members affirmed support for this plan. Carol Ann moved & John seconded a motion to extend all Council term members one year. Motion passed unanimously.

- Upcoming Events:
 - A concert by Coro Allegro will be presented in the church on Saturday, 5/2 @ 8:00PM & on Sunday; 5/3 @ 4:00PM, with receptions following each performance in the Ballad Room.
 - On May 5th at 6:30PM a community meeting will be held regarding the upgrade/rehabilitation of the Fr. Tucker Field.
 - During the weekend of 5/16-17, a mission appeal for the Diocese of Wilmington will be held at the church. The beneficiary will be an impoverished diocese in Jamaica. Fr. Gary Westman will be the homilist.
 - On Sunday, 5/17, the church will host the “Saints in the City” program, offering a 4PM Vespers service.
- On Sunday, 5/24, Pentecost Sunday, the 11AM Mass will be enhanced. A reception/social featuring “red foods” will be offered in the Ballad Room after the Mass.
- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Mahoney offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 5/21/2015