

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Br. Mike Rosenello, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Maggie Banker, Matt Everman, Pete Giorgi, Dave Haney, J.P. Kasperowicz, Lynn Kee, Maria Panella, John Potts, Patty Roach, Bob Shields

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Nick led the group in the Opening Prayer, reading a passage from a newly-published book: *A Church on the Move*.
- Meeting Minutes
 - Anthony F. moved and Patty seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report
 - Maggie Banker (Padua Academy student) & Matt Everman (St. Elizabeth High School student) provided updates on their school and parish-related activities.
- Discussion Items
 - Parish Planning Commission
 - Patty introduced J.P. Kasperowicz, who is a youth minister who has been affiliated with the parish through his role as facilitator of the parish's confirmation retreats, presented info on a program of "Personal Prayer"
 - Fr. Nick expressed his happiness with the success of the effort to date, and the engagement of so many parishioners in the efforts.
 - Anthony A. provided a recap on the status of the Increased Offertory program, & distributed a summary report from Our Sunday Visitor to Council members.
 - Progress on the program is exceeding expectations in terms of increased offertory amount (collectively) pledged, totaling more than \$121,000. Participation rate in the program is approximately 34% of parish families.
 - The Online Giving Program continued to grow in popularity.
 - Fr. Nick recounted the need to adopt a "stewardship mindset" in moving ahead as the Increased Offertory program moves forward.
 - Fr. Nick also recounted some recent successes regarding volunteers who have stepped forward to assist with various aspects of volunteer service to the parish.
 - Fr. Nick discussed the need for the parish to adopt a more structured approach to budgeting and financial controls.
 - Annual Catholic Appeal 2016
 - The parish goal for this year has been reduced to \$59,000.
 - Announcement Weekend was held on 4/1-2; Commitment Weekend was held on 4/8-9. Commitments to date (including Circle of Honor commitments) total \$19,875.00, which is 33.7% of the parish goal.
- Grade School Report
 - Assistant Principal Bob Shields offered a written report including various updates regarding the Grade School, and highlighted some key points from the report.
- Home & School Report
 - Coach Bag Bingo was held on Sunday, 4/3, and was again very successful this year.

- Committee Updates
 - Parish and Family Life
 - Next monthly socials (after 9AM & 11AM Masses) will be held on Sunday, 5/1.
 - A Pentecost Sunday social, featuring red foods, will be held after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday, 5/15.
 - Building and Maintenance
 - A new Facilities Management Committee, one of the goals of the Parish Planning Commission has now met twice. Primary committee goals will include [in consultation with Parish Facilities Manager]:
 - Prioritize buildings/issues (e.g., systems) to be addressed.
 - Engage with diocesan consultants to undertake evaluation of parish facilities.
 - Develop a Facilities Plan/5-Year Capital Plan for parish properties and structures.
 - Develop policies/procedures for parish capital projects (e.g., bidding/contracting/facilities leasing)
 - Develop annual budget for Facilities & Maintenance
 - Prioritize
 - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - Upcoming events include First Communion (Saturday, 5/7 @ 11:00AM)
 - The PREP program will wrap up Sunday, 5/1
 - An enhancement of Pentecost Sunday Mass (11:00AM Mass) [5/15], followed by a social of “red foods”.
 - Italian Festival
 - Wednesday setup night continue.
 - The Scott St. vendor area will enhanced with an upgraded selection of vendors, tented seating, and a bar in the area.
 - Fr. Nick encouraged support of the cultural enhancements planned for this year.
 - YAC
 - No report
 - Scouts Report(*written report submitted and included as part of meeting minutes*)
 - Scout Sunday was held on Sunday, 3/12
 - A spring camping trip is planned.
 - Three Scouts are pursuing Eagle Scout (Mark Brown, Kevin Murray, Dante Vella). Kevin Murray was just awarded his Eagle Scout Award.
- St. Anthony in the Hills (SAITH)
 - Anthony Albence provided a recap on the latest developments regarding the Conservation Easement Agreement with New Garden Township regarding the SAITH property.
 - The parish has received a copy of the Letter of Intent to proceed, signed by Township officials,
 - Drafting of the Conservation Easement Agreement is now underway. The initial draft is expected to be available for review within the next 30 days.
 - The parish will be working with the Township’s Open Space Committee regarding movement of materials stored on-site out of public view, and related work.
 - The first meeting of the reconstituted SAITH Board of Advisors has been held. The intention of this Board is to act as a group to provide the necessary guidance moving forward in the difficult decisions to be made moving forward.
- Holy Name Society
 - No report

- Sodality
 - The Sodality held their spring Bake Sale at Masses the weekend of 4/23-24.
 - The crowning of Mary will take place at the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday, 5/22.
- Old Business
 - The rectory renovation project is underway and is on schedule. Phase I of the work will continue through mid-May, and then continue after a hiatus for the Festival.
 - A fundraiser for Kelly Panella will be held in the Ballad Room on Friday, 4/15. Attendance was approximately 300 people, and the event was very successful.
 - Another very successful fundraiser was held in the Ballad Room on Saturday, 4/23. The event raised almost \$9000 for the Grade School's Phil Rendina Discretionary Education Fund.
 - Parish Council nominations opened last meeting and remain open through this coming weekend.
- New Business
 - At the May meeting the Council, a decision will be made if the parish wishes to engage J.P. Kasperowicz to conduct a parish mission activity in fall 2016.
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
 - None
- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 5/23/2016 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Mtg. Rm.)