

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 27, 2007

Attendees:

Joseph Poppiti

Josephine Panariello

Carolina Alberti

Cammie Conforti

Anthony Frabrizio

Mark Alberti

Vincent Martone

Barbara Marsilli

Elaine Duggan

Lucretia Serio

Anthony Albence

Peter Gigliotti

Deacon Robert Leonzio

Jim Delgrosso

Bruce Brunozzi

Mary Kate Roach

Ken Panella

Fr. McGinley OSFS

I. Opening Prayer – Anthony Albence

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 2007 Meeting

- A. Minutes amended.
- B. Motion to accept minutes
- C. Minutes accepted as amended into record.

III. Discussion Topics

A. Parish Financial Update

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i. Budget Status - No Update - No Meeting.

ii. Continuing the Legacy Campaign Update - Anthony Frabizzio

presenter

\$1.47 Million has been pledged so far. (59% of goal)

\$386,000 has been paid

\$300,000 from major donors - need to close this portion out before the end of the year.

293 gifts so far - 30% of the parish.

A Phone-A-Thon occurred - The Blessed Virgin Mother Sodality made calls - several pledges were picked up.

There will be a meeting Thursday with the Cabinet - there are still 10-15 major donors that they need an update from.

The Cabinet is still looking for "legacy" donors.

b. Parish Ministries "Fair" Concept - Mark Alberti presenter

Every year there is an Open House for the school - the Scouts always participate, but the attendance at the November Open House was very low.

Need to examine the possibility of have a "Parish Open House" - give people a total parish experience with tours and history etc., etc.

Purpose is the show parish involvement.

Parish and Family Life to take the lead in this effort - suggest next fall as time frame.

Bring back the word to the various committees to get involvement.

c. Parish Suggestion Box Update - Anthony Albence presenter

A suggestion was made that the vestibule needs to be better organized - possible need for a Church Sexton

B. High School/Young Adult Rep. Update

Mary Kate Roach (Ursuline) -

Ursuline had a food drive for Corpus Christi food closet - made Thanksgiving baskets

Christmas party ARC - 153 guests

IV. Standing Committee Updates (major updates) - PLEASE GIVE WRITTEN REPORTS PRIOR TO MEETING TO JOE POPPITI - joeypop10@yahoo.com

A. Parish and Family Life – Vince Martone/Anthony Albence presenters

The Giving Tree is still up

At the January Meeting the topic of the Parish Open House will be brought up.

Marketing to St. Thomas'

Possibility of offering tuition reprieve

Have St. Thomas students shadow with St. Anthony students.

There are 202 children enrolled in St. Thomas' grade school currently.

Need to address the possibility of special needs students

B. Christian Formation - Cammie Conforti presenter

a. Faith Before Five is ongoing

Four children are in the program - still looking for a 5th

C. Social Concerns - Deacon Robert Leonzio presenter

a. Christmas baskets will be underway - 50 baskets total. If you know of anyone in need, please give the names to Deacon Bob.

On the 22nd the baskets will go out

b. Clothing (coat) drive will happen in January

c. Healing Mass for Lost Children will happen in January

D. Building and Maintenance – Father McGinley presenter

a. New bathroom update - Mark Alberti

Will be completed soon - Marco Alberti doing it as his Eagle Project

E. Liturgy – Barbara Marsilii/Joe Poppiti/ Deacon Bob Leonzio presenters - Report

was submitted prior to meeting

- a. Meeting occurred on November 2, 2007
- b. Welcome Visitors Book - The stand and the book will remain on the left side of the main doors in the vestibule as you enter the church.

83 signatures were received and 57 postcards were mailed to date. The remaining visitors did not give an address

- c. St, Anthony's Novena

Mark Blaschke suggested having the last novena the week of the Festival - this would have to be further examined

- d. Ministers of Hospitality

In preparation for the meeting of ushers and greeters on November 17th several suggestions were offered.

- e. Music Ministry

Mark Blaschke will contact Steve Achenbach about being a liaison to the grade school in getting families involved in bringing up gifts and greeting.

- f. Lectors

Need to recruit, encourage and train the youth to become lectors at church. They will lector at the Antonian Masses.

- g. Past and Future Masses

Mass of Remembrance had a good turnout, approx 200 people attended. Request was made for the choir to sing next year.

Preparations for the Veteran's Day Mass and the Thanksgiving Day Mass were discussed.

F. Italian Festival – Jim DelGrosso presenter

- a. The Festival will be fenced in this year - admission will be charged.

We may be able to reduce the cost of the police and increase revenue.

Also this will provide a safe "family friendly environment"

Pricing is still being worked on.

- b. Teresa Carucci resigned from festival totally.

G. Respect Life - Elaine Duggan presenter

- a. Ongoing projects

- b. There is no final total for the bottles.

H. YAC - Ken Pannella presenter

- a. 120 children enrolled in basketball
- b. Fournier Hall will be featured in an upcoming article in the Dialog

I. Scouting - Mark Alberti/Cammie Conforti presenters

- a. Boy Scouts:

One Eagle project will be done in approx two weeks

Two others are getting approved

- b. Girl Scouts:

No Update

J. Saint Anthony in the Hills - Anthony Albence presenter

- a. The next meeting will happen on December 10th

K. Holy Name Society - Joe Poppiti presenter

- a. Website is up and running - address is www.stanthonysholynamesociety.com

- b. There are several events coming up

12/2 - General Membership Meeting

12/8 - Karaoke - 9pm to midnight

12/16 - Children's Christmas Party - noon to 2pm

12/18 - Club Christmas Party - 6:00 - 9:00pm

12/31 - New Year's Eve Party featuring Rockin' Rudy

L. Sodality - Lucretia Serio presenter

- a. Twelve members took part in the Legacy Campaign Phone-A-Thon

- b. The Mother/Daughter breakfast - 105 reservations so far - only had 87 last year.

Two new members will be installed.

Grade School Update/Home School Update

School Marketing/Enrollment - Anthony Albence/Vince Martone presenters

- a. Must have availability for new students
- b. Focus needs to be on pre-school
- c. Home and School Committee being aggressive in their efforts
- d. Meeting will occur next week to plan for the Open House in January.
- e. There was a slight increase in registration
- f. JP Morgan providing 40 computers to the school

New Business –

No New Business

Pastor's Comments – Fr. McGinley

St Thomas situation - They asked that no transfers happen during spring.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Next meeting 1/22/08 - 6:30pm

Minutes Prepared by Joseph A. Poppiti