

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 24, 2007

Attendees:

Joseph Poppiti

Pete Gigliotti

Anthony Albence

Fr. John McGinley OSFS

Lucretia Serio

Elaine Duggan

Mary Kate Roach

Karen Truitt

Bill McNabb

Anthony Cicamore

Jim DelGrosso

Barbara Marsilli

Anthony Frabizzio

Fr. Joseph Connolly OSFS

I. Opening Prayer – Fr. McGinley

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May, 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 - Fr. McGinley presenter

The first quarter collections were down 6%

Capital Campaign

Possible cause is that funds are being directed to the

recruit new parishoners

There is a decrease in attendance at church - need to

There will be a focus on this in the spring.

On the grade school front - St. Anthony's has the best teacher to student ratio in the City and area

Better even then St. Edmunds

Ideally there should be 20-25 students per class

school. Need to get the word out that St. Anthony's is a very good

ii. Continuing the Legacy Campaign Update - Fr. McGinley/Anthony Frabizzio presenters

The committee gets a report every week - the bulletin will be updated every 3-4 weeks.

180-200 donors so far - would like to see 600 donors. There are about 1050 active parishoners - hoping for 50% participation

Want to complete this phase before December.

Foundations will begin next year

November A Phone-a-thon will take place the 1st and 2nd weeks of

b. Annual Catholic Appeal 2007 Update - Fr. McGinley/Anthony Albence presenter

1 - ACA 2007 Wrap-Up/ACA 2008 Preliminary Meeting Update

Catholic Appeal. On October 4th there was a kickoff meeting for the Annual

The Development Office is looking for ways to make the process easier (Direct Deposit/Debit Cards)

The lists that the Development Office are using are very old.

Goals: The Development Office is setting goals with the Deans - a number of parishes expressed concern about the goals.

The Office will take a look at and re-examine their

process.

A question was asked as to whether or not St. Anthony's could apply for relief since we are doing our own campaign -

Fr. McGinley seemed skeptical..

c. Council Business

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair - Anthony Albence presenter

Ken Pannella Nominated

Nomination seconded

Approved by council

2. Council Member Public Information Update - Anthony Albence presenter

All names have been submitted to Jim Charles for the website

Names will also be posted in the church

Any requests to contact will go to the rectory and they will contact us.

d. Parish Suggestion Box Update - Anthony Albence presenter

No suggestions in the box this past month.

B. High School/Young Adult Rep. Update

Mary Kate Roach (Ursuline) - A fund raiser is being planned/prepared for the Bayard House

Anthony Cicamore (Salesianum) - Salesianum was voted as one of the Top 50 Catholic High Schools in the country

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

A. Parish and Family Life – Anthony Albence presenter

a. Monthly Socials

The first monthly social of the year was on 10/7 after the 9am mass. Partnered w/Scouts and the Italian Festival - successful - about 140 people

Next social will be an evening social with the choir after the 5:30 mass on 11/3

Social for first Sunday in November (11/4) will be coordinated by Home and School Association (with a grade school open house)

No social will be held in December due to scheduling conflicts in the Ballad

Room. Next one after that will be 1/8/08.

b. Other Programs

Preliminary plans are underway for Giving Tree program for the 2008 Christmas Season

B. Christian Formation -

a. No Report

C. Social Concerns - Anthony Albence presenter

a. Mass of Rememberence on 11/3 at 10:00am

D. Building and Maintenance – Father McGinley presenter

a. The committee is being formed with Bruce Brunozzi, Fr. McGinley and Ray Barto

E. Liturgy – Barbara Marsilii presenter - Report was submitted prior to meeting

a. Meeting was held on 10/2/07

b. Music Ministry - Latin being retired from the Mass parts. During Lent the Kyrie, Sanctus and Angus Dei will be sung.

A suggestion was made to have Mark make cards with the English and Latin for these hymns and place it in the pew.

There are two new youth musicians to play at the Youth Mass

Mark suggested having the last St. Anthony's Novena of the summer the Tuesday during the Festival - he also would like to see a 30 minute mass during the Festival.

c. Ushers and Greeters

The formation meeting for the ushers and greeters will be held on November 17, 2007 at 10:00am - Mandatory Meeting.

There are three new ushers

Candles should be sold before Mass and after the last hymn - not during Mass.

A suggestion was made that the greeters should focus on greeting people and not handing out missals.

d. Visitors Book

The vestibule area is too congested after Mass to have the visitors book and the HSA in the same area - the book will be moved to the right side of the

main doors of the church.

e. Parish Council Feedback

All material that goes onto the cork board should be submitted to the parish office and date stamped and will not be posted for more than 30 days.

F. Italian Festival – Jim DelGrosso presenter

- a. The steering committee has been meeting

Working with SCORE to formulate plan for the 2010 festival - there have been 2-3 meetings already

- b. Managers meeting will take place on 11/5 - 6:30 in the library.

G. Respect Life - Elaine Duggan presenter

- a. Projects on going - nothing new to report.

H. YAC - Karen Truitt

- a. Tryouts going on for basketball

- b. Varsity soccer made the playoffs

I. Scouting -

- a. No Update

J. Saint Anthony in the Hills - Anthony Albence presenter

- a. There will be a meeting in December

- b. Security issues are being addressed

- c. CYM will schedule games.

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

10/27 - Children's Halloween party

3rd Annual Pumpkin Hunt

Halloween Loop Party

11/4 - Membership meeting

11/9 - Bingo Night

11/10 - Vel Crows Dance Band

11/24 - Billy Logue DJ, 50's, 60's and 70's

L. Sodality - Lucretia Serio presenter

- a. 19 members were at the Sodality Mass
- b. The Mother/Daughter breakfast will be on 12/2 after the 9:00 mass.

Grade School Update/Home School Update

School Marketing/Enrollement - Anthony Albence presenter

- a. 11/4 there will be an open house from 10am until 1pm - all groups will be represented
- b. Video that was made is very nice and will be shown
- c. Possibility of opening up a portion of the school for open house during the week of the festival.

Grade School Cultural Program: DE Commission on Italian Culture and Heritage Presentaion - Anthony Albence presenter

- a. on 10/9 Rick DiLiberto presented \$3125.00 to the school

New Business –

- a. Pete Gigliotti
Wanted to pass along great appreciation from the McDonough family
- b. Anthony Frabizzio-
The Columbus Day Breakfast contributed \$3000 for one more smartboard - the balance of \$2000 was given to Education Fund for the Capital Campaign
- c. Bill McNabb
Jean Scalesca-Fisher was named woman of the year by the Italo-American Society
- d. Fr. McGinley
The work on the lights in the church will begin before Christmas and the goal is to have them completed by Christmas.

Pastor's Comments – Fr. McGinley

No comments

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Next meeting 11/27/07- 6:30pm

Minutes Prepared by Joseph A. Poppiti