

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

Attendees:

Joseph Poppiti
Sister Margaret (Peggy) Mahoney
Mark Alberti
Cammie Conforti
Carolina Alberti
Jim DelGrosso
Pete Gigliotti
Fr. John McGinley OSFS
Lucretia Serio
Anthony Albence
Josephine Panariello
Elaine Duggan
Bill McNabb
Anthony Frabizzio
Barbara Marsilli
Bruce Brunozzi
Mark Blaschke
Karen Truitt

- I. Opening Prayer – Fr. McGinley**
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May, 2007 Meeting**
 - A. Motion to accept minutes - motion seconded.

B. Meeting minutes accepted into the record.

III. Discussion Topics

A. Parish Financial Update

a. Planned Giving Presentation - Sr. Peggy Mahoney presenter

Sr. Mahoney gave an explanation of the office of Planned Giving and of her role, as well as the different ways that one can give.

1. Legacy Society - The diocese provides structure for gifts

2. Charitable Gift Annuity - There are various programs around parishes.

3. Charitable IRA Rollover

Sr. Mahoney related a couple stories of giving and distributed materials on how one can participate. She then opened the floor for

Q and A.

b. Parish Financial Update

A) i. Budget Status - Fr. McGinley presenter

B) The Festival Money helped the budget, but the budget is still tight

C) There are two classes of every grade in the school, with the exception of 1st grade.

D) - There are 280 students - a 1/13 ratio - teacher to student.

E) ii. Capital Campaign Developments - Anthony Frabizzio presenter

F) The goal is \$2.5 million

G) The leadership advance is \$1M

H) Large Donors contributions - pledges of \$500K

I) Grants and Foundations phase will begin after the Parishoner phase is over.

J) Capital Campaign Leadership spoke at all masses 2 Sundays ago - envelopes are steadily coming in.

K) Participation is as important as the amount that is given

L)c. Nominations and Elections Update - Anthony Albence presenter

M) 2 New officer roles - Secretary and Vice Chair.

N) Secretary - Joe Poppiti nominated

O) Nomination accepted

P) Vice Chair - tabled for next month

Q)d. Committee Assignments - Anthony Albence presenter

R) Lucretia Serio will be the representative from the Blessed Virgin Mother Sodality

S) Josephine Panariello will serve on the Respect Life committee

T) Pete Gigliotti will serve on the Financial Committee

U)e. Annual Catholic Appeal 2007 Update - Fr. McGinley/Anthony Albence presenter

V) The parish beat it's goal this past year - which means that the goal will be raised next year.

W)f. Parish Suggestion Box Update - Anthony Albence presenter

X) No suggestions in the box this past month.

Y) One suggestion from parish council - Possible movement of the visitors book so that it is more visible

g. High School/Young Adult Rep. Update

No updates this month

Representatives are needed - please give all suggestions to Fr.

McGinley

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. There was a positive planning retreat on Saturday - Deacon Bob assisted

Monthly socials - need to engage the various committees

Possible gathering of all committees for a retreat

B. Christian Formation - Cammie Conforti presenter - Report was submitted prior to meeting

a. A welcome was given to Fr. Rinaldi - he will head up PREP/RCIA

b. A family Mass and Picnic was held on 8/26 - approx 215 people attended - 50+ families.

c. Faith Before Five

Last year's class started with 6 children, has dropped to 4 - Anne Scorsone taught last year and will teach again this year.

Suggested to have this year's program start earlier - start on 10/7 - run for 11 weeks until 12/16, resume on 1/6 and run until 3/30

- d. Fr. Rinaldi would like to see younger people attended masses and getting involved in the parish - what can be done to make this happen?
- e. Possible wine and cheese social after a 5:30 mass to attract people. Try to incorporate the Alumni database into this.

C. **Social Concerns**

- a. No report

D. **Building and Maintenance – Father McGinley presenter**

- a. The committee will be "reactivated"
- b. The sidewalk around the park and the Antonian is being redone from Sen. McDowell
- c. The #11 school is finally down and the lot is totally completed.
- d. The lights in the church are being worked on as a gift.

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

- a. There was a retreat on on 9/15 - all clergy attended and it was a very successful meeting.
- b. The flow of the mass was discussed - Announcements will be at the beginning
- c. Jack Roche will head up the Ushers

He would like to see the ushers wear jackets and ties.

Also would like them to be more active in greeting visitors and opening doors

A standard operating procedure is being formulated.

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. The numbers from the festival - \$1.2M gross, \$327,000 profit.

G. **Respect Life - Elaine Duggan presenter**

- a. Crosses will be up in October for Abortion Awareness

- b. Bottles for Babies - will run through October

H. YAC

No report

I. Scouting - Mark Alberti/Cammie Conforti presenters

- a. Girl Scouts:

Numbers are down - 7 Brownies - need more recruits

- b. Boy Scouts

10 boys earned 50 badges

There are 4 Eagle projects ongoing

J. Saint Anthony in the Hills - Anthony Albence presenter

- a. The annual meeting occurred over the summer
- b. SCORE will be utilized for marketing plans for the facilities
- c. The Fr. Mario field is getting a lot of use.

K. Holy Name Society - Joe Poppiti presenter

- a. No new updates.

Grade School Update/Home School Update

School Marketing/Enrollement - Anthony Albence presenter

- a. SCORE will be engaged for school marketing - enrollment is an issue
- b. On 10/9 there will be a possible media event covering the presentation of the funds raised from the Trevi Fountain for the school.
- c. On the 1st Sunday there will be a school open house
- d. Possibility of opening up a portion of the school for open house during the week of the festival.

New Business –

- a. Anthony Albence-
Setting of Parish Council meeting dates and time.
Meetings will begin at 6:30 starting in October
- b. Bill McNabb-
Expressed concerns that he received from parishioners regarding the use of Latin in the mass

- c. Mark Blaschke - Music Ministry Update
 - The Antionians are thriving
 - Choir attendance is good
 - He will be posting the Choir mass schedule
 - He is open to all suggestions and welcomes feedback through the Parish Council
 - On the issue of Latin - it will no longer be used during the Lord's Prayer
 - There will be a Music Selection Ministry Team - looking for members

Pastor's Comments – Fr. McGinley

No comments

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Next meeting 10/24/07 - 6:30pm

Minutes Prepared by Joseph A. Poppiti