

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish Council

Meeting Minutes – 11/25/08

Attendees:

Joe Poppiti
Anthony Albence
Elaine Duggan
Cammie Conforti
Carolina Alberti
Nicholas Galloway
Mark Alberti
Vincent Martone
Fr. Francis Rinaldi OSFS
Josephine Panariello
Fr. John McGinley OSFS
Jim Del Grosso
Mark Blaschke
Dario Testardi
Bill McNabb

1. Opening Prayer - Fr. McGinley

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 2008 Meeting

1. Corrections made
2. Motion to approve minutes made and seconded.
3. Minutes approved.

3. Discussion Topics

a. Parish Financial Updates – Fr. McGinley presenter

- a. Distribution of Attendance Trend Sheets
 - i. Attendance is down 41% from 2002
 1. This is reflected in the collections and also parallels the school attendance.
 2. There are approximately 90 funerals a year.
 3. There are 1100 families- which has gone down – There are 600 active families
 4. Path forward is how to reinvigorate the parish.
 5. A discussion was held on how to attract families

back to the church

b. Budget Status

1. No Report

c. Continuing the Legacy Campaign Update – Fr. McGinley presenter

1. Distribution of Legacy Pledge sheets
 - a. Unrestricted has always been in the mid to upper 40% of total
2. There was a review of pledges

d. Annual Catholic Appeal – Fr. McGinley/ Anthony Albence presenters

1. No target settings have been made yet

e. Priests' Jubilee Celebration Recap – Anthony Albence presenter

- a. The event occurred after the 11:00 Mass on 11/9
- b. Thanks given to Fr. Rinaldi for concept and to the Holy Name Society for planning and catering the event.
- c. 225 people attended

f. Community Event with St. Paul's Parish – Anthony Albence presenter

The scope of the event may be changing – further report-out to occur at a later meeting.

4. High School Representatives Report

1. Nick Galloway – Salesianum
 - a. There is a fundraiser for building a grotto to Mary in the parking lot of the school
 - b. Cross Country and soccer both won the State Championship
 - c. Winter sports are underway
 - d. There is a Senior Retreat at the Immaculata Prayer House

**5. Standing Committee Updates
(WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED)**

a. Parish and Family Life – Anthony Albence presenter

- a. There were no socials in November
- b. The program will be picked up in December
- c. The Giving Tree is up

b. Christian Formation – Cammie Conforti presenter

1. There was a meeting on 11/17/08
 - a. Committee discussed the school enrollment and structure scenario
 - i. Enrollment is currently stable
 - ii. Structural changes have been accepted by the families
 - b. The committee will partner with planned Salesian Spirituality programming in parish as an action step forward in response to the input from the parish survey.
 - c. Faith Before Five: the committee decided to put the program on hiatus until fall 2009.
 - i. A significant effort will be made to recruit a new instructor and to promote the revamped program will take place

c. Social Concerns –

- i. No Report

d. Building and Maintenance- Fr. McGinley presenter

- i. Two bids have been received for repairing the Fountain
- ii. Church boiler was replaced

e. Liturgy - Joe Poppiti presenter

1. A new ministry – The Ministers of Hospitality-is being formed
2. November 8th is the Mass of Remembrance
3. Family Masses will be set for the first Sunday of every month and be done in conjunction with the socials

f. Italian Festival – Jim DelGrosso presenter

1. No new updates

g. Respect Life - Elaine Duggan presenter

1. There was an Organ Donation presentation on October 26th
 - a. 20 people attended
 - b. The presentation was very good
2. Crosses in front of the church during the month of October
 - a. Felix Spittle puts them up each year
 - b. Larry Kenney repairs the original crosses and makes new ones as the number of abortions go up
3. Birthright Bottles for Babies
 - a. Bottles given out – 350
 - b. Bottles returned – 116
 - c. Total for St. Anthony's - \$2,533.36

d. Totals for all parishes - \$20,430.71

h. YAC -

1. No Update

i. Scouting – Mark Alberti / Cammie Conforti presenters

1. Girl Scouts

a. There are 25 K-3rd grade (all new)

b. Cookies are coming in January

2. Boy Scouts

a. Two more Eagle Scouts

b. One more on the way in the April / May timeframe

j. Saint Anthony's In The Hills - Anthony Albence presenter

There was a discussion about getting new tenants on the property.

There are lots of opportunity and potential with the Hills

There was a discussion about security issues and site maintenance

k. Holy Name Society - Joe Poppiti presenter

2. The General Elections of new officers will be held on 12/17

3. There was a review of the upcoming events at the Holy Name Society

4. The point was brought up that the Holy Name Society should show a higher attendance at masses

l. Sodality – Josephine Panariello presenter

1. Preparations are being made for the Mother / Daughter breakfast on 12/7 in the Ballad Room

6. Grade School Update/Home School Update

a. School Marketing/Enrollment - Anthony Albence presenter

1. The enrollment is steady at 307 students

7. Music Ministry Update – Fr. McGinley presenter

1. No Update

8. New Business

1. Fr. McGinley:

a. Salesian Discipleship Seminar

b. Will be held on Saturday March 7th – will be an all

day event

9. Pastor's Comments - Fr. McGinley

10. Closing Prayer/Adjournment

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, 1/27/09 @ 7:00pm