

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2010

In attendance: Fr. McGinley, Fr. Rinaldi, Anthony Albence, Mark Blaschke, Furio Casale, Paul Ceresini (Home & School), Jim DelGrosso, Elaine Duggan, Anthony Frabizzio, Pete Gigliotti, Lynn Kee, Josephine Panariello, Anne Scorsone (Liturgy Committee), Christina Roach (high school representative-St. Mark's High School), Karen Truitt

Excused: Carolina Alberti, Barbara Marsilii, Ken Panella, Joe Poppiti, Lucretia Serio

- OPENING PRAYER: Anthony called the meeting to order at 7:03PM, and asked Fr. McGinley to offer an Opening Prayer.
- MAY 2010 MEETING MINUTES: Jim moved and Anthony F. seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS: Anthony welcomed newly elected members Pete Giorgi and Lynn Kee, and re-elected members Pete Gigliotti, Josephine Panariello, and Lucretia Serio.
- COUNCIL OFFICERS: Pete Gigliotti moved and Pete Giorgi seconded a motion to affirm Ken Panella as Vice-Executive Officer. Motion passed unanimously. (FOLLOW-UP: Anthony Albence confirmed Ken Panella's acceptance of the nomination.) Anthony Frabizzio moved and Jim seconded a motion to affirm Joe Poppiti as Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.
- FINANCIAL/GENERAL UPDATES (Fr. McGinley)
 - Fr. McGinley stated that parish offertory income and Mass attendance continue to trend downward. Offertory is down an average of 17% (approximately \$1,700 per week), the third year of declines on both fronts. Discussion ensued on ways to address this situation. Ideas include
 - a new program to encourage regular giving
 - a "Welcoming Committee" to follow-up with newly-registered parishioners and to engage them in the parish community
 - Anthony Albence will follow-up on this idea with the Parish and Family Life Committee and Deacon Bob. Anthony Frabizzio offered to assist in this effort.
 - The Parish Finance Council reviewed and approved the parish budget and submitted it to the Diocese for approval.

- Continuing the Legacy Campaign Update
 - The campaign formally closed on September 15th. A total of approximately \$2.1 million has been pledged.
 - A comprehensive report of pledges and payments to the campaign, and projects funded/planned will be published. Notes on campaign-funded projects:
 - Sanctuary mosaic cleaning/restoration will be completed by Christmas.
 - A total of \$306,000 has been pledged to the organ fund, and Mark/the Organ Committee is working with Peregallo Organs to design an appropriate instrument for the church.
 - A wrap-up/thank you event will be planned to publicly close the campaign.
- Fr. McGinley stated that the parish ended the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal approximately \$3,000 short of the parish goal set by the diocese.
- HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES (Christina Roach)
 - Christina Roach, St. Mark's High School Student, shared:
 - St. Mark's welcomed Fr. Cocco as St. Mark's chaplain, and Fr. Cocco has been warmly received.
 - Spirit Week takes place in two weeks.
 - The football team remains undefeated.
- GRADE SCHOOL UPDATE
 - Written report submitted by Principal Virginia Palermo Bahr. (attached)
- STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES
 - Parish and Family Life (Anthony Albence)
 - First parish social of the year will be held on Sunday, 10/3, following 11AM Mass, in conjunction with a Choir Mass.
 - The committee is seeking new members.

- Christian Formation (Anthony Albence)
 - The committee is currently studying options for new initiatives.
 - The committee will meet again in early 2011.
- Social Concerns:
 - NO REPORT
- Building and Maintenance (Fr. McGinley)
 - Committee will meet later in the fall.
 - The church air conditioning system has been repaired and extra capacity is being added to address ongoing issues.
- Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life (Anne Scorsone for Barbara Marsilii)
 - The committee held its annual planning retreat day on Saturday, 9/25/10.
 - Please see detailed report submitted by committee recapping topics covered at the retreat.
- ITALIAN FESTIVAL (Jim DelGrosso)
 - First committee meeting for 2011 Festival planning to be held in early October.
- RESPECT LIFE (Elaine Duggan)
 - Felix Spittle, also a member of St. Pius X Council Knights of Columbus, will erect the crosses of remembrance for babies lost to abortion. These crosses will be placed near the church entrance for the month of October.
 - The committee will again participate in the annual Birthright of Delaware baby bottles fundraiser. Bottles will be distributed at Masses on 10/2-3, and should be returned by the end of October.
 - The committee is supporting the 40 Days of Life program, which will run from 9/22-10/31, and will participate in a prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood of Delaware Wilmington office on Wednesday, 10/13. A total of 17 individuals have signed up to participate. Padua students will also attend, and are offering prayers at school in support of the project.
- YAC (Update by Karen Truitt)
 - Soccer program is underway and teams are doing well.

- Basketball season signups have just begun.
- SCOUTING (NO REPORT)
- ST. ANTHONY IN THE HILLS [SAITH] (Anthony Albence)
 - The 2nd annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, 10/2. The event is expected to be quite a bit larger than the inaugural blessing held last year.
 - The 2nd annual Home & School 5K, benefitting the Grade School, will take place on Saturday, 11/6. This event is also expected to be a larger, more comprehensive event this year.
- HOLY NAME SOCIETY (Furio Casale)
 - A Shrimp Feast fundraiser will be held at Fournier Hall on Saturday, 11/6, from 7PM-Midnight. Tickets are available from Furio for \$35/person.
- SODALITY (NO REPORT)
 - Lucretia Serio is recuperating from an accident and, consequently, no Sodality meeting has been held.
- GRADE SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL (Karen Truitt & Paul Ceresini)
 - Opening Social was held after 9AM Mass on Sunday, 9/19.
 - Mini-Golf Night was held at St. Anthony in the Hills on Friday, 9/24.
 - A fundraiser night at Grotto Pizza will be held on 10/19.
 - The Haunted Hayride will be held at St. Anthony in the Hills on Saturday, 10/30.
 - Italian night will be held at Fournier Hall on Saturday, 11/5.
- MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE (Mark Blaschke)
 - Choir Masses will be scheduled to coincide with monthly parish socials (1st Sunday of month, 11AM Mass) and with Sodality Masses (3rd Sunday of month, 9AM Mass).
 - Mark is working with Steve Achenbach to stream video of choir performances via the parish website.
 - A Continuing the Legacy concert will be held on Sunday, 10/24, at 3PM. A future Legacy concert will be held in April or May 2011, featuring oboe and bassoon instructors from the University of Delaware.

- Parishioner Lydia Jacobson, a piano teacher, is working with Mark as an “understudy”.
- Mark thanked Ginger for enthusiastically embracing the need to improve grade school student engagement in liturgies. Ginger held a school-wide practice session to emphasize appropriate behavior and reverence at Mass. Mark is collaborating with Ginger to utilize selections from OCP’s *Spirit and Song* series, more “upbeat” songs that are more appealing to young people.
- Mark highlighted the following liturgies:
 - White Mass for health care professionals, organized by St. Francis Hospital, to be held on Wednesday, 10/6, at 5:30PM.
 - Anointing Mass, to be held on Saturday, 10/9.
 - Columbus Day Mass on Monday, 10/11. He is working with the Columbus Day Communion Breakfast Committee on liturgy preparation.
- NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - Anthony Albence reported that participation in the 2010 Parish Council elections was approximately 6% higher than in 2009. He also reported that 99+% of ballots were completed accurately.
 - The annual Columbus Day Mass and Breakfast, benefitting the Grade School and Oblate retirement, will be held on Monday, 10/11. A 7:30AM Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Malooly, followed immediately by a catered full breakfast at Fournier Hall. Tickets are available for \$35 each. Please see Anthony Albence or Anthony Frabizzio for tickets.
 - Fr. McGinley highlighted the retirement celebration for Frank Biondi, Esquire, to be held at Cavaliers’ Country Club on Wednesday, 9/29. The event will provide an opportunity for the parish to show gratitude for Frank’s 50 years of pro bono service as legal counsel to our parish.
- ADJOURNMENT
 - Pete Gigliotti moved and Jim seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.
 - Fr. McGinley offered a Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2010