

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes for November 22, 2011

7:00PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Gerard Mahoney, OSFS, Fr. John McGinley, OSFS, Fr. Francis Rinaldi, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Virginia Bahr, Bruce Brunozzi, Pete Giorgi, Josephine Panariello, Ken Panella, Lucretia Serio, Nick Serpe [high school representative]

EXCUSED: Mark Blaschke, Jim DelGrosso, Anthony Frabizzio, Lynn Kee, Barbara Marsilli, Karen Truitt

- Opening Prayer was offered by Fr. Rinaldi.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 2011 Meeting
 - Ken Panella moved & Bruce Brunozzi seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion Topics
 - Parish Long Range Plan Implementation Strategy Document
 - Anthony Albence updated the Council on the planning steps underway regarding the Parish Welcoming Team.
 - Planning/preparation efforts continue.
 - The program will become fully active after 1/1/2012.
 - Financial Update
 - Fr. McGinley updated the Council that offertory up \$1,600 vs. prior fiscal year, to date.
 - Fr. also provided an update on the communication plan with parishioners following up on the parish's increased offertory program.
 - Fr. McGinley plans to personally follow up on responses to express gratitude for renewed commitment to the program.
 - Continuing the Legacy Campaign
 - Fr. McGinley is working with Parish Financial Manager Lisa Serio to close out the program and appropriately acknowledge all participants.
 - New Organ Update
 - Fabrication of the new organ is on schedule.
 - Initial installation/preparation is planned to begin in early 2012 with completion by Easter 2012.
- High School Representative(s) Update
 - Nick Serpe from Saleisanum provided a written update.
 - A copy of the report will be included as an addendum to these minutes.

- Grade School & Home and School Update
 - Mrs. Bahr provided a written update.
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 - Anthony Albence noted that an additional contribution from the Columbus Day Breakfast Committee will be forthcoming.
 - Ken Panella reported positive feedback from parishioners regarding changes implemented in the school this academic year.

- Standing Committee Updates
 - Parish and Family Life
 - The November social was held on Sunday, 11/6, after the 11AM Mass and was well attended (approximately 180 guests).
 - The next social will be held in January on Epiphany Sunday (1/8/12), in conjunction with the Epiphany Pageant.
 - Christian Formation: No Update
 - Social Concerns: No Update
 - Building and Maintenance
 - Bruce Brunozzi reported that efforts are underway to stabilize trees on the property, as well as to address issues with sidewalks in need of repair on the parish grounds. Financial assistance will be sought from State Representatives/Senators who represent the area to assist with the cost of these repairs.
 - A follow-up meeting will be held with potential contractors being considered to replace the church air conditioning system.
 - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - Fr. McGinley reminded everyone of the changes in the liturgy that will be implemented this weekend, and provided some background on the reasons for these changes.
 - Barbara Marsilli provided an email update on a workshop is being offered by Director of Music Ministries Mark Blaschke to educate cantors on the upcoming changes in the Mass.
 - Italian Festival:
 - Anthony Albence reported that initial planning is underway.
 - He also reported that:
 - Existing sponsors are back on board for 2012, including DiSabatino Landscaping—which will again create an attraction in the cultural venue.
 - An “official” Festival Facebook page has been launched.
 - An online, web-based tool will be initiated to more effectively manage the Grade School volunteer program.
 - Respect Life: No report
 - YAC:
 - Ken reported that a \$75/student fee is levied to cover various costs, including uniforms.
 - Scouting:
 - Nick Serpe reported that he has been approved to receive his Eagle Scout Award, and that his project was a cleanup of the Salesianum band storage room.

- Saint Anthony in the Hills
 - Anthony Albence reported that the Open House for Lodge building held on Friday, 11/4, from 3-5PM was a success. Representatives from several non-profit groups (potential rental clients) visited and up to four groups intend to book events at the facility.
- Holy Name Society: No report.
- Sodality
 - Lucretia Serio provided an written update:
 - A monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, 11/15. Prizes were collected for the Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast.
 - A total of 13 attendees attended the November Sodality Mass (9AM Mass on Sunday, 11/20). Sodality member Alice Barone's son Michael sang at the Mass.
 - The Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast will be held in the Ballad Room on Sunday, 12/4, following the 9AM Mass. Grade School Principal Virginia Bahr will serve as the guest speaker and three new members will be installed. Reservations are being accepted through 11/27 and, to date, 77 RSVPs have been received.
- Music Ministry Update
 - Mark indicated that he is working with the Liturgy Committee on the rollout of the new Roman Missal. A workshop for cantors regarding the changes is being held tonight (as mentioned above).
 - The choir/music ministry will be performing a concert for the Wilmington Friends of Italian Culture on Sunday, 12/18 @ 3PM at Fr. Roberto Theatre in Padua Academy.
- New Business
 - Bruce Brunozzi encouraged the parish to capitalize on the fact that the City of Wilmington providing no-charge police coverage for the "Occupy Delaware" movement as a bargaining tool in negotiating police coverage cost reductions for the Italian Festival.
- Pastor's Comments
 - Fr. McGinley thanked Pete Giorgi for accepting the Chairmanship of Parish Council & for his generous contribution of kitchen equipment to the St. Anthony in the Hills Lodge.
- Closing Prayer/Adjournment
 - Fr. McGinley offered the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Anthony Albence
 Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1/24/2012 @ 7PM