

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2012

7:00PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Gerard Mahoney, OSFS, Fr. John McGinley, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Virginia Bahr, Mark Blaschke, Bruce Brunozzi, Paul Ceresini, Jim DelGrosso, Anthony Frabizzio, Lynn Kee, Barbara Marsilii, Josephine Panariello, Ken Panella, Patty Roach, Lucretia Serio

EXCUSED: Pete Gigliotti, Pete Giorgi, Karen Truitt

- Opening Prayer was offered by Fr. McGinley.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 2011 Meeting
 - Ken Panella moved & Barbara Marsilii seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion Topics
 - Parish Youth Ministry Proposal
 - Fr. McGinley introduced Tom Vadden who discussed a proposal for a parish youth ministry program. Copies of an overview document were distributed to the Council for review.
 - Jim DelGrosso moved and Carolina Alberti seconded a motion affirming desire to move forward with launching a youth ministry initiative. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Anthony Albence will set up a follow-up meeting with parishioners currently working with young people (e.g., Scouts, St. Anthony in the Hills, Via Crucis, YAC) to plan next steps for the effort.
 - Parish Long Range Plan Implementation Strategy Document
 - Anthony Albence updated the Council on the planning steps underway regarding the Parish Welcoming Team.
 - A new Parish Ministries & Organizations has been compiled & is posted on the parish website.
 - The Parish Welcoming Team will meet on 1/26 and will first reach out to those who registered as parishioners between 7/1/2011 & 12/31/2011.
 - Financial Update
 - Carolina reported that the Finance Council has approved the Fiscal Year 2013 parish budget.
 - New Organ Update
 - Fabrication of the new organ is on schedule.
 - Initial installation/preparation is planned to begin in March 2012 with completion by Easter 2012.
 - A carefully planned choir loft expansion is underway as part of the project.

- High School Representative(s) Update
 - None present at this meeting

- Grade School & Home and School Update
 - A written report was reviewed by Principal Ginger Bahr.
 - A copy of the report will be included as an addendum to these minutes.
 - Paul Ceresini asked everyone to support the Valentine's Beef & Beer fundraiser sponsored by the Home & School Association (Saturday, 2/12), and to attend the next H&S meeting to hear an important presentation on Internet safety by a representative of the Delaware Attorney General's office.

- Standing Committee Updates
 - Parish and Family Life
 - The January parish social was held on Sunday, 1/8, in conjunction with the Epiphany Pageant. Approximately 200 parishioners & friends attended.
 - Christian Formation: No report
 - Social Concerns: No report
 - Building and Maintenance
 - Fr. McGinley stated that a second set of bids is being confirmed from two potential contractors. A decision will be made soon to award a contract, after consultation with the Building & Maintenance Committee, Parish Trustees, and parish staff. Funds from the Legacy campaign will cover the costs for this project.
 - Bruce Brunozzi mentioned that the project to stabilize trees & repair sidewalks on DuPont Street is still in the planning stages. State Rep. Gerald Brady may offer some financial assistance from the State to assist with this project.
 - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - No committee update
 - Discussion ensued regarding the recent changes in the liturgy, and suggestions to encourage greater participation & familiarization with the changes in the liturgy.
 - Italian Festival:
 - Jim reported that planning is well underway for the 2012 Festival.
 - Respect Life:
 - The committee & the Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council are raising funds for a permanent monument to the unborn, to be placed near the Blessed Mother statute. Contributions to the project may be mailed to or dropped off at the rectory.
 - YAC:
 - The Tiger Tournament (basketball) will be held at Fournier Hall.
 - Scouting:
 - Girl Scout cookies will be sold in church on 2/12 & 2/19.
 - Nick Serpe will receive his Eagle Scout Award on 2/12.
 - Boy Scouts placed first in the recent Klondike Rally.
 - A longtime scout leader, Bill Dunn, passed away recently.

- Saint Anthony in the Hills
 - Inquiries are being received for the new Lodge building.
 - Initial plans are underway for the Easter Sunrise Service.
- Holy Name Society
 - No report
- Sodality
 - Lucretia Serio provided an written update:
 - 15 members attended the January Sodality Mass (9AM Mass on Sunday, 1/15).
 - A Sodality meeting was held on Tuesday, 1/17, with 11 attendees. Updates from the meeting:
 - 3 new members recently joined the Sodality
 - The Mother & Daughter Communion Breakfast was very successful. A total of 86 people attended. Creations by Catherine provided outstanding catering services, and Grade School Principal Virginia Bahr was well received as keynote speaker.
 - A contribution of \$500.00 was made to the Church, and \$382.00 was raised from the door prize raffle.
 - Barbara requested that the Sodality explore the options for an updated office of readings for members.
- Music Ministry Update
 - The choir performed a concert for the Wilmington Friends of Italian Culture at the Friends' December meeting.
 - Mark requested Council support for the Tuesday night novena.
 - Mark shared a photo of the sculpted relief panels that will be featured as part of choir lift expansion. (Anthony to post on parish Facebook page.)
 - Mark offered an update on the planning for the Italian Festival Gala Concert.
- New Business
 - Carolina offered the idea of a lottery calendar fundraiser, which some other parishes offer as a fundraiser. She will bring additional information on this to a future meeting for additional discussion.
- Pastor's Comments
 - Fr. offered his remarks on the many positive happenings in the parish, but also asked for prayers for Sara Smith, Padua Academy student, who passed away suddenly last night.
 - Fr. reported that, despite some declines in recent weeks, offertory is ahead approximately \$6,000 for the calendar year vs. 2011.
- Closing Prayer/Adjournment
 - Fr. McGinley offered the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Anthony Albence
 Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 2/28/2012 @ 7PM