

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2013

In Attendance: Anthony Albence, Mark Blaschke, Linda Brunozzi, Furio Casale, Paul Ceresini, Jim DelGrosso, Anthony Frabizzio, Pete Gigliotti, Pete Giorgi, Fr. Gerald Mahoney, OSFS, Josephine Panariello, John Potts, Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Patty Roach, Lucretia Serio, Elaine Serpe, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Judy White

Excused: Tony Candeloro, Lynn Kee

- Opening Prayer
 - Council members prayed the “Prayer In February”
- Approval of January Meeting Minutes
 - Pete Gigliotti moved and Linda Brunozzi seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion Item: Parish Survey
 - Fr. Nick facilitated a discussion regarding feedback from members completing surveys.
 - Time to complete?
 - On average: 40-50 minutes.
 - Any difficulties encountered?
 - Some visual difficulties on the printed version.
 - Group decided to use printed version of online format to address these concerns.
 - Where are revisions or corrections needed?
 - Needed revisions were collected & will be incorporated by Fr. Nick & Anthony A.
 - How should we get the survey into the hands of parishioners?
 - April 20-21: Fr. Nick announces survey at all Masses.
 - Week of April 21: Letter to be mailed to active & inactive parishioners regarding the survey.
 - April 27-28: Surveys available in church at all Masses.

- Linda will work on an updated printed version that consolidates the printout of the online survey into a more compact format (i.e., fewer pages).
- Committee/Other Updates
 - Italian Festival: Planning is in progress for 2013 Festival. Not many changes planned for this year.
 - Sodality
 - Sodality Mass for February was held on Sunday, 2/17. A total of 15 Sodalists attended.
 - Sodality meeting for February was held on Tuesday, 2/19. A total of 13 Sodalists attended. Fr. Nick attended the meeting. Discussion topic was outreach to Sodality members whose membership has lapsed.
 - A total of four Sodalists have passed away recently. Sodalists attended services to pay their respects.
 - Respect Life
 - On 2/22, members of the parish participated in the 40 Days for Life prayer program at the Planned Parenthood location in Wilmington. Padua students also participated in the program.
 - The next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3/6.
 - Music Ministry
 - Efforts continue to work through continued issues with the parish sound system.
 - New choir chairs have arrived & have been assembled. The chairs previously used are now stored in the former choir loft and will be used as needed.
 - Carol Roca has begun ministry as a cantor.
 - Mark provided an update on the planning for the Festival Gala Concert.
 - Grade School Report
 - Written report was submitted by Principal Judy White. Report will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
 - PREP
 - Patty reported feedback from the parish attendees at SACRED (Salesianum Adult Christian Religious Education Day).

- Patty & Anthony Albence noted that the parish should function on fielding a larger delegation to the event for next year.
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - None
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
 - Resumption of Fr. Nick's report from January meeting
 - Fournier Hall: Claims to our insurer for the flooding and related damage have been submitted. Father Nick asked Council members to consider ideas for the long-term use of the facility. Anthony Albence discussed an option of possibly repurposing the space as multi-purpose/flexible format meeting space.
 - Parish Trustees Meeting: Fr. Nick provided an update on his meeting with the lay trustees, Anthony Albence & Anthony Frabizzio, which covered many important topics. Fr. informed the Council that he has decided to re-appoint the current trustee to serve another one-year term.
 - Fr. Nick informed the Council that he has decided to extend the term of the current Council members for one year. As such, nominations and elections for Parish Council will not be held this year.
 - Fr. Nick announced that Judy White has officially been appointed Principal of the Grade School.
- Closing Prayer: Fr. Mahoney offered the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3/19/2013 (DUE TO LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE ON REGULAR MEETING DATE)

Grade School Report for Parish Council Mtg. on February 26, 2013 – Judy White

Security Update: We are now current with all of the recommendations made by the Wilmington Police. We have added cameras, mirrors, two new alarm panels and panic buttons (We do not broadcast the fact that we have the panic buttons).

Electrical Update: I have had two meetings with Battaglia Electric, since our last meeting. They are working on our estimate for electrical panel upgrades, the beginning phase for air conditioning the classrooms.

Box Tops for Education Contest – Congratulations to the First Grade for winning first place in the contest. They have earned a dress down day and an ice cream party. Fifth Grade won second place, earning them an ice cream party.

Principal Retreat - I will be out of the building on a Diocesan Principal Retreat from Wednesday, February 27th through Friday March 1st. I will be keeping your families and your intentions in my prayers.

Spring Picture Day is on **Monday, March 4th** – Children are permitted to wear their Sunday best on this day for pictures. It is not a dress down day, but rather a day to dress up.

Home and School Movie Night – **Saturday, March 9th at 6:30pm.** More details will follow.

Parish Easter Egg Hunt 2013 - St. Anthony's Parish & Family Life Committee sponsors the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on **Palm Sunday, 3/24/13**, in the Grade School following the **11AM Mass**. Participants will gather in the Ballad Room. The Hunt will feature categories for children up to age 2, children ages 3-5, and children ages 6-10.

On Saturday, February 23rd 7 of our middle school students attended a Leadership Conference at Padua Academy from 9am until Noon

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, February 25th – 7th Grade Mandatory Confirmation Meeting in the Ballad Room

Wednesday, February 27th - Teacher Meetings 3:15pm

Thursday, February 28th – 5th Grade field trip to the Franklin Institute

Friday, March 1st – 8am Mass

2pm – Stations of the Cross

TRIMESTER 2 Ends at 5pm

7:30 Via Crucis

Monday, March 4th – Spring Picture day. Dress up.

Thursday, March 7th – **Bishop Malooly visits St. Anthony's**

Friday, March 8th – 8am Mass

4th Grade Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

2pm Stations of the Cross

Report Cards Distributed

7:30 Via Crucis

Saturday, March 9th – Home and School Movie Night at 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 10th – Daylight Saving Time Begins