

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2013

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

Excused: Furio Casale, Pete Giorgi, Josephine Panariello, Lucretia Serio

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Nick led, & the Council prayed, the “St. Joseph’s Day Prayer”
- Approval of February Meeting Minutes
 - John Potts moved & Pete Gigliotti seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report
 - Sophie McCarthy, a senior at Padua Academy attended the meeting & offered several updates on activities at Padua.
 - Fr. Nick commented that Padua, as an institution, is doing very well. An enrollment waiting list now exists, and several capital improvement projects are now underway.
- Discussion Items
 - Parish Survey: Implementation Schedule
 - Fr. Nick mentioned that the April parish schedule is full.
 - 5/5 Announcement Weekend
 1. Survey link will be posted on the parish website following the announcement
 2. Surveys will also be available at rectory
 - 5/18-19: Surveys will be available at all Masses
 - Collection points will be offered at the Festival
- Committee Updates
 - Parish & Family Life
 - EEH & Monthly Social to be held in the Ballad Room on 3/24 in Ballad Room. The Grade School’s Scholastic Book Sale will also be open at this time.

- Social Concerns
 - No report
- Building and Maintenance
 - No report
- Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - Committee meeting held on March 5th, which was focused on planning the Holy Week liturgies.
 - Council members expressed their gratitude to Fr. Nick for the very successful Parish Liturgy Forum that was held on Saturday, 3/9.
- Italian Festival
 - Jim DelGrosso provided an update on the planned new point of sale systems & the implementation of a new mobile Festival app for smartphones.
 - The former Surfside Cafe area will not be operated this year.
 - First Wednesday setup night will take place on April 17th.
- Respect Life
 - No report
- YAC
 - No report
- Scouting
 - Elaine Serpe will provide updates to Anthony Albence for inclusion in the meeting minutes going forward.
- Saint Anthony in the Hills
 - Anthony Albence reported that:
 1. A new attorney has been retained for legal counsel, replacing Mr. O. Francis Biondi, who has retired.
 2. Planning is underway that may result in several new large-scale events at the facility. Discussions are underway on this, and updates will be provided to the Council when available.
 3. The Parish Mass & Family Picnic will return in 2013, and will be held at the Hills on Sunday, August 11th.
- Holy Name Society
 - No report
- Sodality
 - No report

- Grade School Report
 - Judy distributed a written report, which will be included as a component of the meeting minutes.
 - Judy highlighted the current enrollment picture (vastly improved versus last year), and Bishop Malooly's recent visit, upcoming Terra Nova testing, and the 2013 Community Builder Awards.
- Old Business
 - No items.
- New Business
 - Anthony Albence discussed that St. Anthony's will serve as a host site for the CYM Pilgrimage on March 23rd, and reviewed the logistics for the pilgrimage stop at the parish.
 - Pete Gigliotti raised concerns about large trucks & related equipment being parked around the parish grounds. The items are unsightly and detract from the appearance of the campus. Fr. Nick will follow up on this.
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
 - Fr. Nick discussed efforts underway under the auspices of the Westside Together community-based revitalization effort. One of the projects will be rehabilitation of the Fr. Tucker playground ("upper"/west portion of the park-near Scott St. & 9th St.)
 - A painting of the Baptism of Christ is being undertaken by Maria Pepe on the archway over the side door near the St. Joseph's altar (over side doors facing rectory).
 - The former lectern near the Mary statue has been converted into a repository for the Word (Book of the Gospels).
 - The heating system repairs are currently underway. Cost is approximately \$20,000.
 - The search process for the Facilities Manager will be launched soon.
 - Fr. Nick will be assisting with the organization of the Good Friday Procession & working to enhance the reverence of the event.
 - The procedure for the Blessing of the Palms will be revisited with an aim to enhance the reverence of this activity.
 - Some revisions to the Easter Triduum will be implemented this year.
 - The insurance claim for Fournier Hall has been submitted & is still in process.

- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Mahoney offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 4/23/2013

Parish Council March 19, 2013 Grade School Report – Judy White

Bishop Malooly visited St. Anthony's on March 7th. He walked through every classroom and spoke to the children very personably. He asked and answered questions about his job, his knowledge of cardinals, and his experiences meeting with Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict. He made a special unscheduled return visit last week to answer a question for one of the students who was absent and had written to him.

Lenten Pasta Dinner was held Friday, March 15th in the Ballad Room from 4:30 pm until 8:00 pm. 8th grade students completed their Lenten Project by hosting a Pasta Dinner for all to enjoy. Over 150 people attended. The cost was \$7 per person and included pasta with sauce/gravy, salad, beverages, bread, and dessert. Pam Everman organized this first of what could perhaps be an annual Lenten tradition.

Home and School General Meeting – Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 pm in the Ballad Room. Current gym uniforms will be available that evening from A Stitch in Time. Samples of the new gym uniform will be available. I am going back to the traditional St. Anthony colors of orange and black, with the Tiger mascot. To appeal to all ages, the symbol will be a tiger paw print. Home and School Board meeting will follow the general meeting.

Catholic Youth Ministry Pilgrimage – Saturday, March 23rd Our 7th Grade students have been asked to join in on this wonderful opportunity. They will join Bishop Malooly, youth, and young adults from all parishes across the Diocese. They will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with Bishop Malooly, as a representation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. Mr. Limmina offered to walk with the students. Thank you to YAC for paying the registration fees for our 7th grade students. YAC is a constant support for all that we do here to grow our children, physically as well as spiritually.

Monday, March 25th will be a Dress Down Day for the Missions. All of the proceeds will go to the Missions, through the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

Scholastic Book Fair will open on Wednesday, March 20th. The annual book fair will take place in our Ballad Room and will run through Wednesday, March 27th

Calendar addition: School will be closed on Monday, April 8, 2013 so that our staff can attend our retreat that was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. Easter break will be extended one more day.

TerraNova Testing from Monday, March 18th through Friday, March 22 - This week is TerraNova week. The TerraNova test is standardized testing that provides a wealth of information for parents and schools. It is a valuable tool for assessing reading and math levels, when we consider placement and eligibility for Title One Services. High schools also require copies of TerraNova results from 6th through 8th grades.

Rice Bowls for the Missions – Our children continue to give generously with their rice bowls.

Congratulations to our 2013 Community Builders, Father John McGinley, Mr. Terry Kee and Mr. Felix Spittle! Father, Terry, and Felix were nominated and chosen by the faculty and staff at St. Anthony's .

The Community Builders Award was established in 1999 to recognize volunteer members of the St. Anthony of Padua community for their commitment and dedication to the faith community of the school. These three gentlemen have gone above and beyond in their service to our community.

Congratulations to our It's Academic Team! The following 8th Grade students represented our school well on Thursday, March 7th and won two of the three competitions: Grace McCarthy, Danny Vernon, Maggie Banker, Nina Muzzi, and Kayla Godlewski. I had the pleasure of joining them on March 14th, when they competed again. We lost in most academic areas, but we excelled in the Religion category. Our students knew more in that one category than any other team. The children were disappointed but I was very proud!

Ms. McDonald, Mrs. Spitelli, Mrs. Muzzi and Nina Muzzi joined me at the Knights of Columbus sponsored Breakfast of Champions on Sunday March 3rd. This was a breakfast recognizing schools that raised money for the Missions. We decided that next year all of our dress down days will benefit the missions, rather than supporting various organizations and causes.

Italian Language Classes are coming to St. Anthony's students again! Christina Fabris, Aldo's daughter and a former graduate of St. Anthony's, has offered her time and talent to her alma mater. We would like to start the classes when we return from Easter break.

Physical Education/Health Teacher Position Available at St. Anthony's Grade School! I am currently accepting resumes and applications for this part time position. The position was recently posted within the diocese and also at Neumann University. Please direct any interested parties to Judy White.

Field Day will be May 21st in Father Tucker Field. We have new and exciting ideas planned for that day. Rain Day will be May 23rd.

April 19th will be the class retreat for our 8th Grade Class! This will take place at the Antonian, in the Community Room.

Current Enrollment – 225 students: waiting on 42 to re-register.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, March 18th – TERRANOVA WEEK BEGINS!

Tuesday, March 19th – Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm.

Wednesday, March 20th -6:30 pm - Home and School General Meeting! Scholastic Book Fair begins!

Friday, March 22nd - 8am Mass

7:30 Via Crucis

Saturday, March 23rd – Catholic Youth Ministry Pilgrimage 9am

Sunday, March 24th – Happy Palm Sunday! 11am mass, followed by the parish Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, March 25th – Dress Down for the Missions. \$1.00 minimum donation.

Thursday, March 28th – Holy Thursday. Students will attend a prayer service during the school day. NOON DISMISSAL. Easter break begins at Noon.

March 29th through April 8th – School will be closed. We will reopen on April 9th.