

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2013

In Attendance: Fr. Gerry Mahoney, OSFS, Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Linda Brunozzi, Furio Casale, Anthony Frabizzio, Lynn Kee, Josephine Panariello, John Potts, Patty Roach, Lucretia Serio, Elaine Serpe

Excused: Tony Candeloro, Paul Ceresini, Pete Giorgi, Karen Truitt, Judy White

- **Opening Prayer**
 - Fr. Nick led the group in a prayer reflection focused on the Parish Mission Statement and Parish Vision Statement.
- **Approval of April Meeting Minutes**
 - John moved and Anthony F. seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- **High School Representatives Report**
 - Representatives invited were unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments.
- **Discussion Items**
 - **2013 Annual Catholic Appeal Update**
 - The parish is at approximately 76% of goal. All Council members are asked to encourage their fellow parishioners to participate to assist the parish in meeting its Appeal goal.
 - **Parish Survey: Implementation Schedule**
 - Approximately 105 surveys have been completed, more than 60% online.
 - Fr. Nick reported numerous positive comments made to him regarding the survey project.
- **Grade School Report**
 - Current enrollment is at 260 students, 43 of whom are new to the school.
 - Approximately 10 current students are expected to return, but have not yet re-registered.
 - End of school year activities are underway.
- **Committee Updates**
 - **Parish and Family Life**
 - Final monthly social in May was fairly well-attended (approximately 125 guests).

- The new Pentecost Social, featuring red foods, was quite well-attended (approximately 150 guests). There definitely appears to be momentum to make this a new parish tradition.
- Social Concerns
 - No report
- Building and Maintenance
 - No report
- Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - The final committee meeting of the year was held recently. Fr. Nick mentioned that some additional members may be needed to join the committee for some upcoming initiatives.
 - Fr. Nick would like to offer the Parish Liturgical Forum once annually.
- Italian Festival
 - Preparations are well underway. Several new initiatives are planned this year, including the deployment of a networked point of sale register system, the launch of a mobile payment app, & the launch of the new Alley Bar venue.
- Respect Life
 - No report
- YAC
 - No formal report, but Anthony A. commented on the quality of the recent Awards Banquet.
- Scouting
 - Girl Scouts
 - Closing ceremony was May 20. New Junior Scouts will be meeting over the summer several times with the Cadets.
 - Boy Scouts
 - ON 5/19, Vincent Panella became Troop 88's latest Boy Scout to achieve "Eagle Scout" rank, Boy Scouting's highest honor. His Eagle Scout project included preparing and delivering gift bags over the Christmas Holiday to individuals suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, working with the Delaware Chapter of the National MS Society.
 - Members of Cub Scout Pack 88 cleaned the outside Statue of the Blessed Mother, and weeded the surrounding plantings, in advance of St. Anthony's First Eucharist Celebration.
 - The last "regular" meeting of the Boy Scout/Cub Scout year will take place on May 23, 2013. As previously reported, the Troop will participate as a color guard during the Italian Festival procession, and will be attending summer camp in July 2013 at Bashore Scout Reservation (near Jonestown, PA, in the Blue Mountains of Central Pennsylvania).
- Saint Anthony in the Hills
 - The Board is currently finalizing a new lease with the parish. The terms of the lease will be five (5) years.
 - A Casino Night fundraiser, sponsored by the Hills Golf Committee, was held on 5/17 at the Lodge building.
 - The summer season will soon begin. Camp bookings are up slightly vs. 2012 season. Daily pool operations will begin the week following the Italian Festival.

- Holy Name Society
 - No report
- Sodality
 - Lucretia thanked all Sodalists who placed flowers at the shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes weekly during the month of May.
 - The annual May Procession was held on Sunday, 5/19 at the 9AM Mass. Sodalist Julie DeJuliis crowned the Virgin. Gratitude to Music Minister Mark Blaschke and Cantor Michael Barone, for a beautiful liturgy. Thanks as well to Alexis Wirt (Petal Pushers florist) for donating the flowers for the event.
 - Final meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, 5/21, which included a covered dish dinner.
 - The Sodality will participate in the annual *Festa Patronale*, on Sunday 6/16 (final day of the Italian Festival).
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - Anthony A. & Patty Roach discussed a proposal from a firm that purchased gold/precious metal items.
 - Following discussion, the Council affirmed a decision to move forward upon completion of further investigation of the firm's background.
 - If all references are satisfactory, the event would be promoted within the parish only. The event would be offered in conjunction with the October parish social in the Ballad Room.
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
 - Facilities Manager Search Update
 - The search committee has narrowed the search down to two finalists, both very strong candidates.
 - End of Year Review & Ideas For Renewal
 - Fr. Nick updated the Council on some frustrations regarding the church air conditioning system, which are currently being addressed by the system vendor.
 - Fr. Nick mentioned that he will be bringing some items that the Council and other parish leaders will need to work with him to address—items not necessarily captured in the survey.
 - Fr. Nick stated his desire for the parish to be true to our Mission Statement in all activities that we undertake as a parish.
 - Fr. Nick expressed his desire to convene a gathering of all standing parish committees and organizations to exchange ideas and information.
 - Fr. Nick reported that it is unlikely that the parish will be assigned another deacon, and parish ministries may need to be adjusted accordingly.
 - A project is underway to review and catalog a large collection of parish photos. Some photos will be retained for parish archives, and others then will be available for distribution to parishioners.
 - The local Indian-American community will hold their summer fair at Fr. Tucker Field (& the surrounding streets) in late August.

- Fr. Nick discussed plans for Fr. Roberto's 100th birthday. He will concelebrate the 11AM Mass on Sunday, 8/11, & then attend/participate in the Parish Picnic following the Mass at St. Anthony in the Hills (1:30PM start time).
- **Closing Prayer**
 - Jim asked all members to keep Phil Rendina in prayer, due to his severe illness.
 - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 9/24/2013

****BUONA FESTA & ENJOY THE SUMMER!!****