

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish**  
*Parish Council Meeting Minutes*  
January 26, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Br. Mike Rosenello, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Jim DelGrosso, Melissa Farrell, Anthony Frabizzio, Dave Haney, Lynn Kee, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields

- Opening Prayer
  - Fr. Nick led the group in the Opening Prayer, a *Litany for St. Francis de Sales*, in recognition of his recent Feast Day (1/24).
- Meeting Minutes
  - No minutes to approve. (prior meeting [November] was joint meeting with Parish Planning Commission Validation Council to review Parish Pastoral Plan)
- High School Representatives Report
  - Due to school cancellations, the scheduled representatives could not attend tonight.
- Discussion Items
  - Parish Planning Commission
    - Fr. Nick recounted a positive turnout for the Ministries Summit. Approximately 50 people attended the Summit, and the names of volunteers will be collated and disseminated to ministry and organization coordinators.
  - Fr. Nick provided a recap on the plan for Parish Council elections this year, and Fr. would like the parish to adhere to the process as has been carried out in prior years (i.e., the full process of nomination/election). The planned schedule:
    - A total of six (6) at-large, elected positions shall be up for election this year, with three (3) of the positions elected to three (3) year terms, and three (3) of the positions elected to a two (2) year term
    - Current council members renominated will be eligible to run for a two (2) year term.
    - Nominations will be accepted the weekends of 4/23-24 & 4/30-5/1.
    - Biographical sketches of nominees will be available at Masses & on the parish website the weekends of 5/7-8 & 5/14-15.
    - Elections will take place at Masses the weekend of 5/21-22.
    - Anthony Albence and John Potts volunteered to coordinate the nominations & elections process.
  - Fr. Nick also discussed the Parish Trustee election process.
    - Fr. will announce this weekend (1/30-31) that nominations may be made to him. He will also announce the current Trustees (Anthony Albence and Anthony Frabizzio) are willing to continue to serve as Trustees. Fr. will also announce that, if needed, an election will be held the weekend of 2/6-7.
- Grade School Report
  - Interim Principal Bob Shields shared some updates regarding the Grade School:
    - The Grade School Open House, originally rescheduled for 1/24 from 12PM-3PM, was rescheduled to 1/31 (same time), due to snowstorm. The reenrollment process will begin at the Open House.
    - The school's current enrollment is 249, and is expected to remain at the same level next academic year.
    - Catholic School Week begins 1/31, and will kickoff with a Delaware 87ers game on Saturday evening, 1/30, at 7PM. The Antonian children's choir will sing God Bless America at the game. More than 140 tickets for the event have been sold.

- Judy White is currently working one day per week & attending some meetings, as available.
  - New staff members came on-board in the fall, including a full-time counselor.
  - The Middle States Reaccreditation process currently underway. The reaccreditation team will be on-site April 24-27, 2016.
  - An update on high school acceptance and scholarship awards for the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - An additional 30 iPads are now available; thanks to a private donation and support from the Home & School Association. An additional 30 iPads will be purchased prior to the end of the current academic year, which will provide one iPad for each Middle School/Junior High grade student.
  - Bob thanked the Home & School Association and YAC for their ongoing outstanding volunteer efforts to support the school and students.
- Home & School Report
  - Breakfast with Santa, held prior to Christmas, was very successful. The event was very well attended.
  - Upcoming school dances are being planned for the Junior High grades for the upcoming remainder of winter & spring.
  - The organization is exploring additional means to raise funds to benefit the Grade School in fun and creative ways.
- Committee Updates
  - Parish and Family Life
    - The next parish monthly social will take place after the 9AM & 11AM Masses on Sunday, 2/7.
    - The Parish Easter Egg Hunt, which will also feature a parish social, will take place on Palm Sunday, 3/20.
  - Building and Maintenance
    - No report
  - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
    - Signups and practice for this year's Via Crucis are underway. This year's schedule is tight, due to the early date of Easter, as well as the recent cancellation of practice (1/24) due to snow.
    - Some older students (8<sup>th</sup> grade and older) are still needed to fill some roles.
  - Italian Festival
    - A joint meeting held between the Steering Committee, the Feast Day Committee, and ARIANNA (Italian cultural team). A number of enhancements to the cultural content of the Festival will be promoted this year.
    - Format enhancements to the Festival setup (closing Scott St. vendor area & providing seating, enhancing cultural content).
    - Vendor contracts are being overhauled, moving from a flat fee to a revenue sharing format.
      - Vendor location will include POS terminals, staffed by parish volunteers.
      - Volunteers will be needed to staff the POS systems, so all members are asked to assist in recruiting volunteers.
- YAC
  - No report, but YAC's continued great work was recognized by the Council.
- Scouts Report
  - Elaine provided a written report. This report will be included as part of the meeting minutes.

- St. Anthony in the Hills (SAITH)
  - Anthony Albence and Anthony Frabizzio provided a recap on the entrance of the parish into a conservation easement with New Garden Township regarding the SAITH property.
    - A payment will be made to the parish in exchange for forgoing development rights on the property.
    - Prior recreational use of the property may be continued, if the parish so chooses/if conditions permit.
  - Fr. Nick would like to reconstitute SAITH Board of Directors to act as a group to provide the necessary guidance moving forward in the difficult decisions to be made moving forward. He will solicit names of potential board members from the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Parish Planning Commission-Validation Council.
- Holy Name Society
  - Fr. Nick mentioned that the Holy Name Society was approached regarding interest in rehabilitating/operating the former lounge area of Fournier Hall. The organization is not interested in this opportunity.
- Sodality
  - No report
- Old Business
  - None
- New Business
  - Kelly Panella was remembered in prayer
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
  - The parish will again be a site for the Diocesan youth/young adult pilgrimage on Saturday, 3/19.
- Closing Prayer
  - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 2/22/2016**