

## St. Anthony of Padua Parish

### Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Br. Mike Rosenello, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Jim DelGrosso, Dave Haney, Maria Panella, John Potts, Patty Roach, Elaine Serpe, Jessica Sharp, Bob Shields, Dante Vella, Judy White

- Opening Prayer
  - Fr. Nick led the group in the Opening Prayer, from the writings of St. Francis de Sales
- Meeting Minutes
  - Maria moved and John seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report
  - Jessica Sharp and Dante Vella provided updates on their school and parish-related activities. Jessica and Dante both spoke of recent events surrounding the auto accident that claimed the life of a Salesianum student and seriously injured a Padua student. Fr. Nick commended the students on their perseverance and their commitment to their schools and parish, despite adversity.
- Discussion Items
  - Parish Planning Commission
    - Fr. Nick expressed his happiness with the success of the effort to date, and the engagement of so many parishioners in the efforts.
    - Anthony A. provided a recap on the status of the Increased Offertory program:
      - Progress on the program is exceeding expectations in terms of increased offertory amount (collectively) pledged, approaching \$60,000. Total. Participation rate in the program is approximately 20% of parish families.
      - The Online Giving Program continued to grow in popularity.
      - Fr. Nick recounted the need to adopt a “stewardship mindset” in moving ahead as the Increased Offertory program moves forward.
      - Fr. Nick also recounted some recent successes regarding volunteers who have stepped forward to assist with various aspects of volunteer service to the parish.
  - Annual Catholic Appeal 2016
    - The parish goal for this year has been reduced to \$59,000.
    - Announcement Weekend will be held on 4/1-2; Commitment Weekend will be held on 4/8-9.
    - Program enhancements this year include a video message from Bishop Malooly (linked to from parish website), acceptance of credit cards for pledges, introduction of online giving, and personalized mailings to all parishioners (all parishes) to augment the in-pew solicitation process during Commitment Weekend.
- Grade School Report
  - Interim Principal Bob Shields shared some updates regarding the Grade School:
    - Enrollment is at 168, vs. 127 at the same time last year.
    - An additional 30 iPads have been added to the school, underwritten by funds raised by the Home & School Association and a private donor. The iPads are being fully integrated into the curriculum of the school. When students return from Easter Break, all Middle School students will have an iPad available to them, at no cost to them.

- The Middle States Reaccreditation process currently underway. The reaccreditation team will be on-site 4/24-27/2016.
  - Italian Week in the school will be held in the school the week of April 11.
  - Community Builders Awards will be presented on April 14. Honorees are Miguel (school custodian), Carlos (school & parish facilities team), and Kathy Williams (volunteer & school grandparent).
- Home & School Report
  - Beef & Beer for Technology held on 3/12 was very successful.
  - Coach Bag Bingo will be held on 4/3. Tickets for this event are selling briskly, and remain available online.
- Committee Updates
  - Parish and Family Life
    - The Parish Easter Egg Hunt, which also featured a parish social, will take place on Palm Sunday, 3/20. Approximately 60 children participated.
    - Next monthly socials (after 9AM & 11AM Masses) will be held on Sunday, 4/3.
  - Building and Maintenance
    - A new Facilities Management Committee, one of the goals of the Parish Planning Commission has held an initial meeting. A primary goal of the committee is to develop a Facilities Plan for parish properties and structures.
    - Repairs will be underway to the fountain in front of the church. A wall in the fountain is buckling and needs to be repaired.
    - Maintenance and upgrades to the rectory will begin the week of Monday, 3/28. More intense demolition will take place Saturday, 4/2 (when the parish office is closed). The project will continue through mid-May, and then resume after the Festival.
  - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
    - Fr. Nick mentioned that donations of flowers for the Resurrection Altar are welcomed.
    - Upcoming events include First Communion, and an enhancement of Pentecost Sunday Mass (11:00AM Mass), followed by a social of “red foods”.
  - Italian Festival
    - Setup nights will begin on Wednesday, 4/13.
    - The Scott St. vendor area will enhanced with an upgraded selection of vendors, tented seating, and a bar in the area.
    - Fr. Nick spoke about the cultural enhancements planned for this year.
  - YAC
    - No report
  - Scouts Report (*written report to be submitted and included as part of meeting minutes*)
    - Scout Sunday was held on Sunday, 3/12
    - A spring camping trip is planned.
    - Three Scouts are pursuing Eagle Scout (Mark Brown, Kevin Murray, Dante Vella)
- St. Anthony in the Hills (SAITH)
  - Anthony Albence provided a recap on the entrance of the parish into a Conservation Easement Agreement with New Garden Township regarding the SAITH property.
    - The Township Board of Supervisors approved, & the parish has agreed to and signed, a revised Letter of Intent regarding the Agreement. The revisions have addressed some concerns of the parish.
    - The next step in the process will be the drafting and review of the detailed Agreement documents, which is expected to occur over the next 60-90 days.
  - Fr. Nick plans to reconstitute the SAITH Board of Advisors to act as a group to provide the necessary guidance moving forward in the difficult decisions to be made moving forward.

- Holy Name Society
  - No report
- Sodality
  - No update
- Old Business
  - The parish hosted the CYM Pilgrimage on Saturday, 3/19. Approximately 750 attendees were on-site for prayer, reconciliation, and lunch.
- New Business
  - None
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
  - Fr. Nick emphasized the need to use the "language of stewardship"
  - A fundraiser for Kelly Panella will be held in the Ballad Room on Friday, 4/15.
  - The Phil Rendina Scholarship Fund fundraiser will be held in the Ballad Room on Saturday, 4/23.
- Closing Prayer
  - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 4/28/2016**