

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Jim DelGrosso, William Giles, Pete Giorgi, Lynn Kee, Mary McGlory, Maria Panella, Patty Roach, Elaine Serpe, Kristy Stellini, Judy White

- Opening Prayer
  - Fr. Nick led the group in the Opening Prayer, a prayer for the Pastoral Council.
- Meeting Minutes
  - Patty moved and Bill seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September meeting, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report
  - None present/no report
- Discussion Items
  - Parish Planning Commission
    - Pastor's Comments: Fr. Nick offered insights into the graphic regarding parish focus and priorities that was distributed at the end of the September meeting, but not discussed at that time. The handout is entitled: *Parish Priorities 2016-2017*. A discussion on topics presented ensued, including potential strategies to recruit and retain parishioners
    - Parish Planning Commission Meetings & Committees
      - A meeting of the Parish Planning Commission is scheduled on 11/17.
        - Bob Shields provided an update on the status in greater
      - Efforts are underway to enact components of the plan, including the Facilities Management Committee. The committee is undertaking:
        - An electrical & structural assessment of the church.
        - The compilation of a short- & long-term facilities plan/capital plan for parish facilities. The first structure to be addressed will be the church.
  - SAITH Parcel Sale
    - Efforts are underway to pursue a sale of the non-conserved five acre parcel of land affiliated with the SAITH property. Proceeds from the sale will be dedicated to reducing the parish debt.
  - Financial Update to Parish
    - A more comprehensive update format will be initiated this year, which provides a more complete picture of the accumulated parish debt.
  - Annual Catholic Appeal 2016
    - The parish goal for this year has been reduced to \$59,000.
    - Progress toward the goal has stalled at about 80% of goal & participation appears to have leveled off at this point.
  - Annual Census
    - The annual diocesan census of Mass attendance was taken at all Masses during the first four weekend of October. Attendance average was 565/weekend in 2015, with the 2016 attendance average coming in at 519/weekend, a decline of about 8.2%.
- Padua Academy Update
  - Vice-Principal Mary McGlory provided a comprehensive report:
    - Recent Open House was very successful, with more than 400 families attending.
    - The annual Ring Mass will be held the first week of November in the church.

- Annual Curriculum Review is underway, with a particular emphasis on courses focused on IT/cybersecurity.
  - The school's IT system is being upgraded, which will enhance the school website and the admission process.
  - Padua art students recently toured the church with Fr. Nick, with a focus on the art and architecture of the church.
- Grade School Report
  - Principal Judy White distributed a comprehensive report, that will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
- Home & School Report
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Casino Night was held in the Grade School Gym on Saturday, 10/1. The event was a huge success, raising more than \$12,000 to support school technology.
  - The annual Halloween party will be held at the school on Friday, 10/28.
  - The second annual Designer Bag Bingo event, which was a huge success in its initial year, is scheduled for Sunday, 11/13.
- Committee Updates
  - Parish and Family Life
    - The first parish monthly socials of the fall season will be held on Sunday, 10/2, after the 9 & 11AM Masses.
  - Building and Maintenance
    - The new Facilities Management Committee, one of the goals of the Parish Planning Commission, recently met and worked is working on initial goals & objectives, as detailed above.
  - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
    - Columbus Day Mass was held on Monday, 10/10 @ 7:30AM in the church.
    - The choir practice loft has been renovated.
  - Italian Festival
    - An initial post-Festival meeting has been held.
    - Efforts will continue to focus on cost cutting.
    - Fr. Nick plans to address to the Festival Steering Committee regarding longer-range planning for the future of the event.
  - YAC
    - Growth continues with YAC programming, extending beyond only athletics.
    - Fournier Gym is at capacity with YAC activities, with no space for outside groups.
  - Scouts Report
    - *Written report to be submitted and included as part of meeting minutes*
- St. Anthony in the Hills (SAITH)
  - Efforts are moving forward with the real estate broker to prepare for sale of the five acre, non-conserved parcel (as mentioned earlier).
  - The Conservation Agreement for the primary parcel is being reviewing by New Garden Township's solicitor, and be sent over to the parish very shortly.
- Holy Name Society
  - No report
- Sodality
  - The bake sale held this past weekend (10/22-23) was very successful.
  - The coat collection is underway, with coats being donated to St. Patrick's Center.
  - The annual Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast will be held on 12/4.
  - Officer nominations are now being accepted.

- Old Business
  - The Altar Server Sacristy rehabilitation project (Dante Vella's Eagle Scout project) continues and is in-progress.
- New Business
  - Planning for the Giving Tree and Christmas Basket programs is currently underway.
  - A potential donor may be interested in making a contribution, if the parish can locate a historic photo of the mosaic/artwork featuring angels that was on the back wall of the church behind where the crucifix and curtain behind it is located.
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
  - None
- Closing Prayer
  - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 11/22/2016 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Mtg. Rm.)**