

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Kim Caputo, Mark Denney, Anthony Frabizzio, , Dave Haney, Lynn Kee, Cindy Mann , Maria Panella, John Potts, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields, Kristy Stellini

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Nick led the group in the Opening Prayer, the Prater of St. Francis of Assisi. Father asked the Council to remember intentions as well.
- Meeting Minutes
 - Anthony F. moved and Maria seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- New Members
 - New members were welcomed and introduced themselves.
- High School Representatives Report
 - Sabrina Branch, a student at Brandywine High School, provided an update on school activities and her plans after high school
- Discussion Items
 - Parish Planning Commission
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 - A meeting of the Parish Planning Commission is scheduled for November
 - Bob Shields provided an update on the status in greater detail.
 - 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
 - Annual Catholic Appeal 2016
 - The parish goal for this year has been reduced to \$59,000.
 - Progress toward the goal has stalled at about 75% of goal & participation appears to have leveled off at this point.
 - Annual Census
 - The annual diocesan census of Mass attendance will be taken at Masses the first four weeks of October.
- Grade School Report
 - Vice-Principal Bob Shields offered the following report:
 - The faculty participated in a retreat at Neumann University to open the school year
 - Total enrollment is 231
 - Demographics: 23% of students are non-Catholic; 42% are minority students (up from 30% last year)
 - The school had added a full-time Special Education teacher
 - The iPad program is 1:1 (i.e., 1/student) for Grades 5-8, at no cost to the student (& the students are permitted to take the devices home with them)
 - The new school website is now live. The web address is: www.sapgs.org.

- Home & School Report
 - The back to school social was held on Sunday, 9/11, and was very well-attended.
 - The 2nd annual Casino Night will be held in the Grade School Gym on Saturday, 10/1, from 6:30-11:30AM. Tickets are available for sale online through Wednesday, 9/28. Proceeds will benefit the expansion of the iPad program.
- Padua Report
 - Head of School Cindy Mann reported that:
 - Current enrollment is at 667 students (vs. 658)—the highest enrollment since 1986.
 - Current faculty contingent is 90. All faculty have engaged in extensive continuing education and enrichment activities.
 - She is currently meeting 1:1 with all faculty to confer on personal, faith, and professional goals.
 - The school recently held a memorial program honoring the fallen Wilmington firefighter, father of a current Padua student.
 - Recruitment for the Class of 2021 is already underway. Recruitment is an ongoing process year-round.
 - Students are actively engaging in enriching spiritual and service activities.
 - Cindy encouraged all members to visit/tour Padua.
 - Cindy provided a list of new courses added from 2011-2016.
- 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 will be held on Monday, 10/10 @ 7:30AM in the church.
 - The choir returned on Sunday, 9/11, at the 11:00AM Mass.
 - The choir practice loft has been renovated.
 - Italian Festival
 - The 2016 Festival was among the most successful to date in terms of revenue.
 - The new revenue sharing arrangement with outside vendor partners implemented for 2016 proved to be successful.
 - Final computation of revenue and expenditures is almost complete. Efforts were made this year to control fixed and other costs as much as possible.
 - 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)
 - No update-deferred to next meeting
- Holy Name Society
 - No report
- Sodality
 - The Sodality held their first meeting of the fall on Sunday, 9/18.

- Officer nominations are now open. Elections are scheduled to be held in October.
 - The fall bake sale will be held after all Masses the weekend of 10/22-23
- Old Business
 - The next session of the Adult Faith Formation program will be held on
- New Business
 - None
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
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- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 10/25/2016 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Mtg. Rm.)

SCOUT UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Boy Scouts

The Scout Year for Pack and Troop 88 has recommenced its weekly meetings on Thursday evenings. The following is of note:

1. Scoutmaster Lou Vella made a presentation on Scouting at the St. Anthony's School "Back to School" night on August 31;
2. The Cub Scout Pack has scheduled a camping trip to Lums Pond in October; at present there are 9 second year Webelos who are expected to become Boy Scouts at St. Anthony's in early 2017.
3. The Boy Scout troop has scheduled camping trips to White Clay Creek State Park and Brandywine Creek State Park for October and November. Summer Camping for 2017 will be at Camp Rodney in North East, MD.
4. Marc Brown of Troop 88 passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review, and is now an Eagle Scout. "Life Scout" Dante Vella continues his work on his Eagle Scout project, which involves improvements to the sacristy of St. Anthony's Church.

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts will be having their first meeting of the year on Monday, Sept. 26. They are still not sure how many girls they will have because not many showed up for the information meeting on the 19th. I will have a report from them at our October meeting.