

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2017

In Attendance: Fr. Francis Rinaldi, OSFS; Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS; Anthony Albence, Kim Caputo, Jim DelGrosso, Mark Denney, Anthony Frabizzio, William Giles, Pete Giorgi, Dave Haney, Lynn Kee, Dr. Mary McClory, Maria Panella, John Potts, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields, Judy White

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Nick led the group in the Opening Prayer
- Meeting Minutes
 - Anthony F. moved and Bill seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March meeting, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report
 - The student invited, Laura Land, was traveling and unable to attend the meeting.
- Discussion Items
 - Parish Planning Commission
 - The parish is moving forward with the consulting agreement with DANA (Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement) to provide support for grantwriting/fund development for the parish. The parish will work with a proven fundraising professional to develop a case statement, and to complete three (3) major grant applications.
 - Work continues on the Facilities Plans for primary parish structures (church/Grade School/rectory), and a draft Capital Projects Plan has been created. This plan will also be used to create a Capital Budget plan that will accompany the annual parish Operating Budget plan, and will serve as a planning tool for parish planning.
 - Upgrades to the church air conditioning system will now be able to be undertaken, thanks in large part to continued financial support from the Fusco Family Foundation.
 - A longer-term question: do we wish to upgrade the air conditioning system to permit the system to cool the church and the Ballad Room simultaneously?
 - Fr. Nick noted the movement forward on all of the objectives identified in the Parish Pastoral Plan.
 - SAITH Update
 - Conservation Easement Agreement
 - Negotiations regarding the Conservation Agreement for the primary parcel are moving forward.
 - The Phase I environmental assessment, a condition of the Agreement, is underway. A report on the findings of the assessment is expected by 5/1/2017.
 - SAITH Parcel Sale
 - The 5.5 acre parcel not included in the Conservation Easement Agreement is now officially listed for sale. There has been some interest in the parcel already, although nothing definitive at this point. Proceeds from the sale will be dedicated to reducing the parish debt.
 - Parish Financial Status
 - Padua Subsidy
 - Plans are moving forward to assess the fee to Padua for use of the parish-owned school campus facilities. Finalizing details of the payment arrangement and timing of payment are temporarily on hold, in light of Head of School Cindy

Mann's recent medical issues. (please see detail below under Padua Academy Update)

- Budget Planning and Process Review
 - The budget review subcommittee continues its work.
 - Parish Department Managers will be invited to discuss their proposed departmental FY2018 budgets with the Finance Council at their May meeting.
- Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Goal Reduction
 - The Diocese of Wilmington has reduced the parish's goal to \$47,500 for 2017.
 - The ACA 2017 Commitment Weekend is scheduled for April 29-30.
- Pastors Points of Interest/Concern
 - Holy Week Recap
 - Fr. Nick recapped the parish's modified Holy Week liturgical schedule
 - Pastoral Vision for Growth
 - Fr. Nick offered his vision for a future of vibrancy of growth and viability for the future.
 - Fr. Nick invited the Council to consider this important question and to be prepared to discuss ideas at a future meeting.
- Padua Academy Update
 - Head of School Cindy Mann recently underwent serious cardiac surgery, and is recuperating. She will be on medical leave for the rest of the academic year.
 - Vice-Principal Dr. Mary McClory is acting Head of School during Cindy's absence and attended the meeting representing Padua Academy.
 - Dr. McClory provided a written report, which will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
- Grade School Report
 - Principal Judy White provided a written report, which will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
- Home & School Report
 - Designer Bag Bingo was held on April 23rd. More than \$2000.00 was raised at the event.
 - Spring Fling will be held on April 29.
- Committee Updates
 - Parish and Family Life
 - The April parish socials, held in conjunction with the Parish Easter Egg Hunt & the Grade School Spring Book Fair, were very successful. Approximately 60 children participated, and approximately 200 guests attended.
 - The final regular monthly parish socials will be held after 9:00AM & 11:00AM Masses on Sunday, 5/7.
 - The Pentecost Social is tentatively schedule for after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday, 6/4.
 - Facilities Management
 - Please see update above in Discussion Items.
 - Additional info: the draft energy efficiency improvement plan/report has been received from the Faith Efficiencies program, & will be reviewed by the committee to determine feasible steps for immediate and longer-term implementation.
 - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - Fr. Nick recapped the Holy Week and Easter liturgical celebrations.
 - Italian Festival
 - Planning continue for this year's Festival continues.
 - As mentioned previously, the regional theme for this year is Sicily.

- Technology Committee
 - The new Parish website will be launched soon, which will be a significant improvement as compared to the current site.
 - John McMillan, Parish IT Coordinator, continues to go “above and beyond” in his role and in all the support he provides to various school and parish activities.
- Scouts Report
 - Elaine Serpe provided a written report, which will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
- St. Anthony in the Hills (SAITH)
 - Please see update above in Discussion Items.
- Sodality
 - The Sodality will have a page on the enhanced parish website, which will be launched shortly.
 - The Sodality sponsored a Sfilata dei Fiori workshop (Italian Festival floral basket enhancement to Feast Day Procession after their meeting.
 - Bake Sale will take place after all Masses the weekend of 4/29-30.
 - Crowning of Mary will take place in May.
- Old Business
 - None
- New Business
 - The second Music Ministry-sponsored “Pop-Up Concert”, featuring parish musicians performing music of various genres, will be held in the church on Sunday, 4/30, at 3:00PM.
- Announcements/Pastor’s Comments
 - See notes above
- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 5/23/2017 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Meeting Room)

**Padua Academy
Parish Council Report
April, 2017**

Cindy

Cindy had successful cardiac surgery this past Monday and is recovering at Christiana Hospital. There are multiple weeks of recovery and cardiac rehabilitation still to come. So she will be out for the remainder of this school year. Our administrative team and faculty will continue to work together to deliver Padua's mission to our students and their families until she returns.

Maddie Williams

Maddie was received in the Church during the Easter Vigil. She had been preparing for this with Fr. Nick. He anointed her after our Stations of the Cross program before Spring Break.

Robotics

X-Squared Factor, the Padua Robotics team, is excited to announce they will be attending the FIRST World Championships this Wednesday through Saturday in St Louis, Missouri.

Ireland Trip

Our students and their chaperones traveled to Ireland tonight for an 11 day trip over Spring Break.

Ronald's Rescue Student Group

Ronald's Rescue was honored by the Jefferson Awards as Mayor Mike Purzycki's nomination for the Lead360 Project for outstanding service and will be attending the national Jefferson Awards program in June in Washington, DC.

Voter Registration

The League of Women Voters came today for the Annual Voter Registration.

Dinner in Honor of Women's Achievement

Peggy Noonan is this year's honoree. The dinner is held at the Chase Center.

Placement Tests

Our incoming students will be taking World Language and Math Placement tests this week. We are anticipating a class of 161 freshmen.

AP Exams

AP exams will be given during the first two weeks of May. We have 260 students taking one or more exams this year.

Prom Season

The Senior Prom will be held on Friday, May 5 at the Chase Center. There is an after-prom, planned by the parents, at the PAL Center. The Junior Prom will be held on May 13 at Padua.

College Decisions

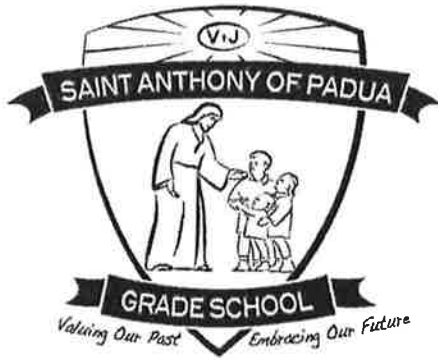
Our seniors are finalizing their college choices. The deadline is May 1.

Athletics

Our spring season teams are soccer, softball, track and field, lacrosse, tennis, and golf. Our athletes have been practicing hard and are competitive.

Other Activities and Events

Blood Drive, Senior Retreat, Photography Class Field Trips, Drama Class Performances, Leadership Talk by the President of LaSalle University, Blue-Gold Week and Bingo, Still I Rise Cultural Awareness Concert, Senior Coons and Women's Topics Panel Discussion, Freshmen Retreat, Salesianum Band Concert, French Field Trip, St. Francis de Sales Convocation



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Parish Council – Grade School Report - April 25, 2017

Enrollment – 237 (up one from last month). Two new students registered.

Easter Break/Potential new students for 2017-18 Schoolyear

School was closed from April 13th through the 23rd. During this time we had several calls from potential new students for tours and shadow days. We invite students to ‘shadow’ which means to attend school with their potential classmates, go through the schedule for the day, join their peers for lunch and recess, and to see the school in a normal day of operation. Parents and students have given great feedback on this opportunity and the fact that we accommodate any family schedule for personal tours.

Padua Leadership Conference – On April 1st, a group of our 8th Grade girls went to Padua to attend a leadership conference focused on gratitude. The girls enjoyed their day. Mr. Shields attended with them.

Student Update

Nick Mercantini- I plan to take students to visit him this week. We are trying to stop by at least once a month. He continues to make progress in therapies and still resides at A.I DuPont Hospital for Children.

Staff Updates

All full time staff are back to work and feeling healthy. Please keep Kathy Potts sister and Joanne Waritz’s brother in your prayers. Both are battling cancer.

Easter Season

We are sharing Jesus’s resurrection with the children, discussing new life, acknowledging Earth Day, and preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We are also teaching and celebrating the Fruit of the Spirit, “Gentleness” this month. During the month of May we will teach “self-control,” very timely for the end of the school year.

Applebee’s Dining to Donate!

Join us for a good time at Applebee’s tomorrow night on Kirkwood Highway. This event runs all day and 10% of your check will be donated back to our school. These events typically raise @\$300 -\$400. Thank you to those who attended Bertucci night and Café Riviera/Café Napoli nights.

Designer Bag Bingo

Thank you to all who attended and supported this event on April 23rd. It will clear over \$2,000 when all bills are finalized.

School Emergency Drills

Each month we have a regularly scheduled fire drill. In addition to this monthly drill, we also practice an emergency drill. We have a simple Crisis Plan that is easy for 3-14 year olds to understand. Code Red is a lockdown (children know to stop). Teachers lock the classroom doors and keep children out of the line of vision. Code Yellow is basically a yield. (Teachers call anyone from the hallway back into the classroom. Doors remain unlocked and children proceed inside their classrooms). A Code Green is an evacuation. (Students know to exit the building). Teachers use walky-talkies to communicate their locations with me in the main office. This is helpful if we were to have a power outage and could not use the intercom system. I am always impressed with the students' cooperation with these drills. We are able to evacuate the building in an average of 1 minute and 25 seconds.

St. Francis de Sales Scholarship Convocation

Last night we hosted over 250 people here on our campus. The high school students gathered in the school gym and practiced. The ceremony began at 7pm in church, with Bishop Malooly celebrating. We served refreshments in the Ballad Room and received a lot of positive feedback from the Diocese for our hospitality.

Advisory Board

We continue to meet monthly or bi-monthly, with Bob as our coordinator.

High School Decisions to date

All were accepted into the first choice high school.

Salesianum – 6

Padua Academy – 8

St. Elizabeth- 5

Charter – 1

Delaware Military Academy – 5 (3/5 have it as a second choice)

Caravel -1

Scholarships

Javier Lorenzo – Salesianum High School (full scholarship for all 4 years) and St. Elizabeth High School

Dean Lawrence – Salesianum High School

Cheyenne Hudson – St. Mark's Service and Leadership Scholarship

Javier Lorenzo

Javier set a record with his regional award every year since fifth grade. Competition is at the seventh and eighth grade level! This year he **placed first** in Region 3. He is a very quiet and humble student.



Scout Update, April 25, 2017

Boy Scouts

1. In connection with the Pack (Cub Scouts) Tony DeLuca has approached one or more of the Cub Scout parents to provide ongoing assistance with the Cub activities.
2. The Boy Scouts are preparing for their annual Easter camping trip, which customarily takes place on the weekend after Easter Sunday. The trip generally involves traveling 1-4 hours to a place where the Troop has not been before (or at least has not been in some years). This year's trip takes Troop 88 to French Creek State Park in Pennsylvania, which includes several thousand acres of woodlands, and is next to a National Park site (Hopewell Furnace). The troop has not been to French Creek in at least 10 years.
3. The Boy Scouts of America in its continuing efforts to computerize, has introduced online registration to be managed on the Troop and Pack level, rather than at the Council (State or multi-State) level. We understand that the DelMarVa Council , which includes Troop and Pack 88, has not yet fully implemented this yet.

Girl Scouts

They are hoping to take the troop to Dutch Wonderland next weekend.

They are winding down the Scout season, and their last meeting is the second week in May.

