

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2017

In Attendance: Fr. Francis Rinaldi, OSFS; Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS; Anthony Albence, Mark Denney, Anthony Frabizzio, William Giles, Dave Haney, Lynn Kee, Maria Panella, Patty Roach, Bob Shields, Kristy Stellini

- 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 February meeting, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report
 - Grace McCarthy, a student at Padua Academy shared with the Council a number of activities she is engaged with at school activities and her future activities, including choice of college.
- 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 Faculties 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.
 - Fr. Nick noted the movement forward on all of the objectives identified in the Parish Pastoral Plan.
 - Fr. Nick shared that that offertory income has increased \$43,000 year-over-year, as a result of the increased offertory partnership efforts undertaken in partnership with Our Sunday Visitor.
 - SAITH Update
 - Conservation Easement Agreement
 - Negotiations regarding the Conservation Agreement for the primary parcel are moving forward.
 - The recent conference call held among parties involved resolved some key issues that needed to be addressed in order ensure this progress continues.
 - 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. The parish continues to discuss with Padua leadership the most effective and collaborative means to move forward on this plan.
 - Budget Planning and Process Review

- Members of the Parish Finance Council, including those with significant experience in accounting, are serving on a Council subcommittee to determine how the parish budgeting process may be improved and to more realistically forecast expected income and expenses for parish programs, to ultimately ensure greater financial stability for the parish.
 - 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.
- Parish Pastoral Council Nominations/Elections
 - Anthony recapped to the Council that, per a resolution adopted in April 2015 by the Council--as recommended by the Parish Planning Commission Validation Council--the terms of Parish Pastoral Council members slated to expire in 2017 are extended to 2018, to facilitate the continued rollout of the Parish Pastoral Plan. As such, no elections will be held in 2017.
- Pastors Points of Interest/Concern
 - Fr. Nick informed the Council that Br. Mike has been permanently reassigned to Childs, MD.
 - Fr. Brian Zumbur, OSFS, will be in residence at the rectory, maintaining his current ministry at Salesianum. He is expected move to the rectory after Easter. He will assist with the parish as available.
 - Holy Week Planning
 - Fr. Nick discussed the challenges he is facing & that these will influence the schedule of Triduum services offered.
 - The plan for 2017, affirmed by the Parish Council and parish staff, is as follows:
 - Holy Thursday
 - Altar of Repose will be displayed
 - Church open for visitation 7-10PM
 - Good Friday
 - Traditional Good Friday cross will be displayed
 - Church open for prayer & reflection 12 Noon-3PM
 - Via Crucis @ 7:30PM & Procession @ 8:30PM
 - Holy Saturday
 - No Masses celebrated
 - Easter Sunday
 - Standard Mass schedule
 - Anthony will draft, for Fr. Nick's review, a memo informing the parish of the plans.
 - Parish Pastoral Council (& other parishioners) will be enlisted to volunteer to assist in coordinating these efforts.
 - Fr. Nick offered his thanks to Fr. Rinaldi for his assistance in covering duties during his medical challenges.
 - Pastoral Plan 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 was excused from the meeting. No report.
- Grade School Report
 - Principal Judy White provided a written report, which will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
 - Vice-Principal Bob Shields offered some additional context on the report.

- Home & School Report
 - Designer Bag Bingo will be held on April 23rd. Funds raised may be dedicated to the YAC-sponsored project to rehabilitate the floor in the Fournier Hall Gym.
 - Spring Fling will be held on April 29.
- Committee Updates
 - Parish and Family Life
 - The March socials (held on the second Sunday of March, due to another event scheduled in the Ballad Room on the first Sunday of the month) were well-attended.
 - The April parish socials, held in conjunction with the Parish Easter Egg Hunt & the Grade School Spring Book Fair, are scheduled for the second Sunday of April (Palm Sunday).
 - 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.
 - Efforts are underway to seek community partnerships to utilize the former Fournier Lounge area.
 - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - Fr. Nick discussed plans for Holy Week preparation
 - Italian Festival
 - Planning continue for this year's Festival continues.
 - As mentioned previously, the regional theme for this year is Sicily.
- 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 will be planning to participate in the Italian Festival Feast Day Procession, including wearing new member sashes, and participating in the Sfilata dei Fiori floral display.
- Old Business
 - The Altar Server Sacristy rehabilitation project (Dante Vella's Eagle Scout project) is nearly complete. Some final work on storage cabinets is being wrapped up at this point. The Parish Facilities team will repaint the sacristy when the other project work is completed.
 - The inaugural Music Ministry "Pop-Up Concert" was successful, drawing a modest, but enthusiastic crowd.
- New Business
 - None
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
 - See notes above
- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 4/25/2017 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Meeting Room)



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Parish Council – Grade School Report - March 28, 2017

Enrollment – 235 (up one from last month). Two new students are registering this week.

It's Academic – We hosted 9 other schools for this academic competition. The children had a good time and some friendly competition. Our 8th Grade students and staff really helped pull this event together.

Student Updates

Nick Mercantini- I took students to visit him this week. He responded very well (full of smiles). He continues to make progress in therapies. Family is considering a rehab center in Delaware temporarily until his trach can be removed.

Chris White – We postponed my son's surgery until June 19th, the day after the festival.

Staff Updates

Kathy Potts has returned and is feeling well. Kindergarteners were very happy.
Kathy Frederick is out for 2 weeks for a procedure. She plans to return on April 10th

Lenten Theme, "Pray and Give"

We gather together to pray at Mass every Friday. We participate in Stations of the Cross at 2pm on Fridays as well. Our staff does a monthly reflection together, typically during our faculty meetings. Our families outdid themselves in modeling our February Fruit of the Spirit, Generosity (giving)! They donated \$3,000.00 to Nick Mercantini for home renovations. The family is eternally grateful. Grandmom keeps asking me if I have thanked all of you and shared her love and appreciation, so I am doing so once more.

St. Patrick's Center

Families were also extremely generous with food donations for the St. Patrick's Center. We collected over 400 pounds of food to help those less fortunate than us.

Bertucci's Night was Tuesday, March 21st!

This event took place at both the Concord Pike and Main Street locations. We had a nice turnout at both locations.

Phil Rendina Discretionary Dinner

Approximately 150 people attended this event. It was a nice evening of dinner, dancing, and casino tables. The event raised \$6,300, but some donations are trickling in. They expect the final total to be \$7,000.00

8th Grade Lenten Pasta Dinner is Friday March 31st

Please join us to help the 8th grade class raise money toward their class Trip to New York City in May. Just an FYI – The Holy Name Society generously donated \$500 toward this class trip. However, the 8th Grade class asked me if they could give that donation directly to the Mercantini Family. After checking with the HNS, I did agree to do that. It seems the generosity trickles down to your children! Let's return that kindness by supporting their event!

TerraNova Testing

Standardized testing took place all last week. The students did a great job!

Paint Night

We did something different for one of our faculty meetings. We did "Painting with a Twist" for our staff. All were invited, and 21 attended. Many schools treat their staff to dinner or heavy snacks for every faculty meeting. Some take their staff out to eat for these meetings. We really do nothing for our staff except Christmas and at the end of the year. The school counselor thought this was a good idea for team-building. I quickly agreed. Student Council funded this event with candy sold on Valentine's Day.

We will be hosting the St. Francis de Sales Scholarship Convocation

On April 24th, there will be @250 people here on our campus. The high school students will gather in the school gym and practice their seating directions. Diocesan staff plans to arrive @4pm to set up. The ceremony begins at 7pm in church, but people start arriving at 5:30pm. More details will follow.

Advisory Board

We continue to try to meet monthly, with Bob as our coordinator. This group has been an invaluable wealth of information and feedback. Our next meeting is this Thursday, March 30th at 6:30 pm.

Easter Break

School will be closed from April 13th through the 21st.

Designer Bag Bingo

Join our Home and School Board on April 23 for a fun afternoon of Bingo at 2pm.

Ursuline Academy Forensic Competition

Our 4 students each won an individual trophy. We took home the First Place school team award.



SCOUT UPDATE, MARCH 28, 2017

Boy Scouts

1. The Boy Scouts in January attended the Klondike competition at Rodney Scout Reservation in North East, Maryland. Klondike is a structured event in which teams from various Scout troops perform tasks in a winter camping setting.
2. The Boy Scouts attended Merit Badge College (a structured two day learning event) in January and February, in which they work towards earning Merit Badges, which demonstrate a level of proficiency in some branch of knowledge (first aid, camping, cooking, etc.).
3. The Re-charting process, by which the Boy Scouts of America successfully renew the charters for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at St. Anthony's, was successfully completed in January.
4. The Pancake Breakfast – the Cub and Boy Scout's fundraising event – was successful, raising just under \$1,100. This allows the Scouts to operate for the year.
5. Marc Brown's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on March 4, 2017.
5. At the Scout's recent March Court of Honor 6 Cub Scouts were promoted to Boy Scouts. Immediately after that ceremony, the Cub Scouts held their annual Pinewood Derby. The Pinewood Derby involves racing wooden cars built by the Cub Scouts, and is viewed as the highlight of the Cub Scout year.
6. On the weekend after Easter, the Boy Scouts will be taking their annual Spring Expedition camping trip. This year they will be traveling to French Creek State Park in Pennsylvania. The park includes over 7,000 acres of forest (the largest such plot between NYC and Washington, D.C.) and is directly contiguous to Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, a National Park.
7. Dante Vella continues to work on finishing up his Eagle Scout project (refurbishing the church sacristy).

