

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2018

In Attendance: Fr. Francis Rinaldi, OSFS; Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS; Anthony Albence, Kim Caputo, Jim DelGrosso, Mark Denney, Bill Giles, Pete Giorgi, Cindy Mann, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields, Judy White

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Nick led the Opening Prayer.

- January Meeting Minutes
 - Bill moved & Bob seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- St. Anthony in the Hills
 - The parish has signed a Letter of Intent with New Garden Township to enter into a 90 day period of exclusive negotiation with the Township on an Agreement of Sale of the property to the Township. The Township intends to maintain the property as open space and to explore options for future recreational and other community-related used by the public.
 - The sale of the 5.5 acre (non-conserved) parcel is completed, and the due diligence period for the sale is currently underway. Final settlement is expected in late April.

- High School Representatives Report:
 - Representatives could not attend the meeting. No report.

Grade School Report

- Judy White distributed a written report & highlighted the addition of a new teacher, and upcoming school fundraisers.

Padua Academy Report

- Padua teachers are offering support to teachers impacted by the school shooting in Florida in various ways.
- The recent musical, *The Addams Family*, was very successful. Padua students are also participating in the production of *Les Miserables*, in conjunction with Salesianaum.
- The school is developing plans for a capital campaign and expansion of parish facilities, with a focus on STEM learning.
- The school is looking forward to some organizational and curriculum changes that are needed to ensure the school is offering the most effective and impactful delivery of instruction.

Parish Business Manager Report

- Bob Shields provided the following updates:
 - Parish offertory is on track, off approximately 0.7% vs. last year.
 - Revenue from weddings is currently 50% over budget (for the entire fiscal year)
 - Overall revenue is at 83% for the fiscal year (overall). This will continue to be monitored.
 - Most budget line items are at or close to budget.
 - The parish has entered into a maintenance agreement for the church organ, which was not previously in place. The cost is \$1500 per year, and covers maintenance and basic parts.

- Fr. Nick thanked Bob for his expertise and oversight in the role as Business Manager, which has resulted in a greater level of stability in terms of parish financial management and overall operations.

Grade School Emergency Preparedness

- Judy provided a recap of the school's plan, which is considered to be well-situated compared to other schools.
- Judy recapped that the Wilmington Police Department SWAT team has served as a consultant. The team provided positive feedback to the school on its plan.
- The focus is preparedness and staff and the plan for reacting to various situations.

Holy Week /Triduum Preparation

- Plans will go forward for the standard Triduum liturgical celebrations.
- Two individual currently participating in RCIA will, due to scheduling issues, we confirmed on Pentecost Sunday.

Pastor's Comments & Discussion Items

- Youth Ministry
 - Fr. Nick & Anthony A. met with Kyle Thompson, Diocesan Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, regarding strategies to make the parish as welcoming and engaging to youth and young adults as possible.
 - A strategy discussed is scheduling a workshop of parish leaders who engage with these communities to determine action steps to work towards this goal.
 - Parish leaders who work with young people will be invited to attend.
 - An invitation to this workshop would be extended to neighboring parishes.
 - Anthony A. will follow up with Kyle to discuss scheduling a workshop.

New Business

- The Italian Film Series, benefitting the Italian summer camp, has experienced record attendance since it's relocation to the Ballad Room.

Scouting Report

- Nick DeLuca is moving forward with plans for his Eagle Scout project.
- Scout Sunday will be held this Sunday, 3/4, at the 9AM Mass. The annual Pinewood Derby will follow.

Updates

- The parish is seeking new Eucharistic Ministers to the sick.
- The training for parish ushers/greeters for use of the AED took place on Sunday, 2/11. The AED device will be mounted next to the candle sales station.
- The parish will again participate in the diocesan Pilgrimage on Saturday, 3/24, serving as site for lunch and confessions.
- The Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary will kick off this weekend with a Mass at the Cathedral.

Closing Prayer

- Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 3/22/2017 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Meeting Room)

Grade School Report for Parish Council -Respectfully submitted by Judy White

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Our school theme for this Lent is, "Walk with Jesus." Our Student Council officers came up with this idea, and I thought it was a beautiful way to describe how we should go through the Lenten journey. We should always walk with Jesus by our side, inviting him to be a regular part of our life.

Welcome Mr. Johnny M. Tucker, Jr.! - I am very pleased to announce that I have hired a full-time teacher for middle school. Mr. Johnny Tucker started teaching on Tuesday. As is almost always the case at St. Anthony's, when one door closes, another one opens. God seems to send us people when we need them. Mr. Tucker had already been approved by the Diocese and was recommended by another Diocesan principal. His resume on file was to specifically teach English Language Arts in middle school. His minor in undergraduate school at Wilmington University was Social Studies. He is licensed in the State of Delaware. He earned a Master of Arts Degree from Rosemont College and is currently working on completing a second Master of Fine Arts Degree. He has been working as a long-term substitute and is happy to join our staff as a full-time employee of the Diocese and St. Anthony of Padua Grade School. He has already proven to be a fine addition to our staff family.

We had a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! The Home and School Board treated the entire school to a movie at the Penn Cinema Theatre at the Riverfront. Six school buses transported all 300 of us to the theatre. Student Council purchased breakfast for Teacher Appreciation Day. We had a Knowledge Bowl (child Jeopardy). Home and School Board treated teachers to lunch on another day to show their appreciation. We ended the week with the traditional Parents versus 8th Grade Volleyball game (Admission was a canned good to be donated to the St. Patrick's Society).

Congratulations to our 7th Grade Tigers Math League Team! The team won first place in our region. This is a huge accomplishment since we compete against much larger schools. Andres Lorenzo won first place in the individual standings.

Congratulations to our Special Education teacher, Mrs. Burbage, on the birth of her new grandson, Giorgio Vincent. Giorgio was born on February 9th.

We Hosted It's Academic! - Our students did very well competing this Saturday at "It's Academic." We hosted this fun event here at school, and our students ranked third.

8th Grade Lenten Pasta Dinner - Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the 8th Grade Lenten Pasta Dinner. This will be held in the Ballad Room (cafeteria) on Friday, March 2nd from 4:00-8:00 P.M. Come out and let our 8th grade class serve you a delicious meal.

Please contact JoAnn DiOssi at jcdios5@verizon.net or (302) 383-4932 for more information.

Casino Night - Come join our Home and School Association for their 3rd Annual Casino Night on Saturday, March 10th from 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. in the school gym. Tickets cost \$35 and include \$50 in playing chips, heavy appetizers, as well as beer and wine. Games include blackjack, craps, and roulette. All attendees must be 21 or older. Proceeds will benefit St. Anthony's Digital Library Project. To purchase tickets (all ticket sales are final, no refunds) or for more information, please contact Elizabeth Alfieri at escorsone@hotmail.com.

Important Dates - Please continue to check our school website (<http://www.sapgs.org>) for upcoming events and information. Also like our Facebook page to see photos from our events and school activities.

- **February 24th** - It's Academic - St. Anthony's - 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- **February 26th** - Student Council Meeting - PreSchool - 3:00 - 3:30 P.M.
- **February 27th** - 7th Grade Field Trip- St. Elizabeth's High School -9:45-11:30 A.M.
- **February 28th** - We host the Diocesan Board for dinner/presentation
- **March 1st** - Bishop visits St. Anthony's - afternoon
- **March 2nd** - 8th Grade Lenten Pasta Supper - 4:00 - 8:00 P.M.
- **March 3rd** - Practice High School Placement Test - Padua Academy
- **March 4th** - Practice High School Placement Test - Padua Academy
 - Parish Social - Ballad Room - after 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Masses
- **March 5th** - Student Council Meeting - PreSchool - 3:00-3:30 P.M.
- **March 8th** - Middle School Trip - Salesianum - 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.