

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018

In Attendance: Anthony Albence, Kim Caputo, Jim DelGrosso, Mark Denney, Anthony Frabizzio, Bill Giles, Pete Giorgi, Dave Haney, Cindy Mann, Maria Panella, Patty Roach, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields, Judy White

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Wrightson offered the Opening Prayer.
- February Meeting Minutes
 - Bill moved & Kim seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report:
 - Nikko DiSimplico, a senior at Salesianum, offered a report.
 - He will be attending Gettysburg College on a soccer scholarship
 - He provided a recap of the soccer team's season, which included a national ranking & Salesianum contending in the national soccer championship.
 - Nikko recapped his activities at Salesianum, and at the parish, including participation in the Via Crucis & service as an Altar Server.
- St. Anthony in the Hills
 - The parish is nearing completion of the parcel sale to New Garden Township, with the stated goal of preserving the property and maintaining public access. The parish extended the initial 90 day term of the Letter of Intent with the Township to work exclusively with them for an additional 30 days. The intent is to finalize the Agreement of Sale within the next 30 days
 - The 5.5 acre (non-conserved parcel) remains on the market. A prior Agreement of Sale was terminated, as the proposed purchaser could not satisfy the timelines of the Agreement.
- Parish Financial Update
 - Bob Shields provided a recap of the parish financial status. A copy of Bob's written report will be included with the meeting minutes.
- Pastor' Discussion Items
 - Remarks Regarding Pastor Transition
 - The appointment of a new pastor will take place after the election of a new Oblate Provincial, likely around midsummer.
 - Next Steps in Youth Ministry Discussion
 - Fr. Wrightson offered his insights on this topic, & the need for openness to new ideas, as well as openness to new approaches in this area.
 - Anthony A. recapped discussions held with a potential presenter for a parish leaders' workshop on how to more effectively minister to and with young

people. This contact may be reestablished following the appointment of a new pastor.

- Parish Council Membership & Terms
 - Fr. Wrightson offered the idea of extending current membership terms, to provide an element of continuity for the new Pastor coming into office.
 - Dave moved, and Bill seconded a motion to extend the existing terms one year (& maintain the existing staggered term expiration structure). Motion passed unanimously.
- Grade School Report
 - Principal Judy White provided highlights of a written report, which will be included in the meeting minutes.
- Padua Academy Report
 - Head of School Cindy Mann provided highlights of a report. The report will be included in the meeting minutes.

Parish Committees & Organizations Report

Scouting Report

- Nick DeLuca completed his Eagle Scout project. His Eagle Scout ceremony was held on Sunday, 5/20.
- Italian Festival preparations are on schedule. Puglia, Italy, is the 2018 regional focus area.
- The Sodality continues to grow and to serve the parish. The Sodality will be purchasing (for its annual contribution to the parish) a set or sets of matching vases for use with floral arrangements for the church sanctuary.

Updates

- The Delaware Italian-American Education Association (DIAEA) Italian Film Series, benefitting the *La Mia Piazza* Italian summer camp, experienced record attendance with its move to the Ballad Room.
 - DIAEA has made a contribution to the school's "Digital Library", in Fr. Nick's memory.

Closing Prayer

- Fr. Wrightson offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 9/25/2018 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Meeting Room)

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Finance Report through April 30, 2018 (83% of the Fiscal Year)

Revenue

Weekly Offertory is 2.1% below budget

Via Crucis Income is 90% above budget \$5,749 (see expense note for offset)

Weddings are just short of 100% above budget

Grade School Tuition is 1.4% below budget (\$-\$15,328)

Preschool Tuition is 14% above budget +\$14,876

Aftercare Income is 10% above budget +\$1,757

Note: The aftercare program has a profit margin of 38%

Expenses

Rectory Repairs (HVAC-related as previously mentioned) 70% above budget (\$6,100 in whole numbers)

Grade School Building 18% above budget (\$635 in whole numbers, related to the need to replace the hot water heater)

Via Crucis Expense \$7,135 (difference from revenue (\$-1,386)

Technology and Online Subscriptions 50% above budget \$4,866 in whole dollars, this over-run is due to the change from Terra Nova testing to Renaissance 360 Benchmark Testing. Due to a dispute with CTB over the delivery time of the 2017 results, a negotiated settlement of the CTB fee was not reached until March, 2018. This resulted in a "double payment" for testing services this fiscal year. One payment was made to CTB that resolved the 2017 invoice and a second payment to Renaissance 360 for the current year's test. The settlement was negotiated by the Diocese of Wilmington.

Summary

As of April 30, 2018, the parish has an operating deficit of \$102,429. The projected deficit was \$214,410, so the deficit is 48% of what was projected. The smaller size of the deficit demonstrates a commitment to monitoring expenses. Aside from the expense circumstances noted above, all other expense categories are in-line with the budget projections of April 30, 2018.

With the assistance of the Parish Finance Council and its Parish Budget Subcommittee, we developed a budget for 17-18 that was evidence-based and within our means to achieve. We are currently finalizing the parish budget for 2018-2019.

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Parish Council Report

Respectfully submitted by Judy White

YAC - Saturday night we had our annual Awards Banquet. This was another milestone for our 8th Grade Class of 2018. We celebrated all the accomplishments and wonderful sportsmanship and stewardship demonstrated by many of the students in our school.

REMINDER - Next Friday, May 25th is a noon dismissal for students. There will be no After Care. This is a planning afternoon for teachers for next school year.

Music and the Arts! - This year, we tried something new. Instead of holding the excellence fair in the gym, Mrs. Gaspari displayed art work from the entire school throughout our hallways. The kick-off event was our Spring Band concert in the Ballad Room today. Please stop by sometime during that week to see the lovely artwork the children have worked on through the year.

Nemours/A.I. DuPont Donation Drive - During the month of May, Student Council is running a donation drive for Nemours/A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital. We are hoping for at least one item per child in the school. Items may be brought in anytime between now and May 31st.

Field Day is moved to Tuesday, May 29th due to the week of rain last week! All students are to wear their gym uniforms. Lunch will be provided that day. All students should bring a towel to sit on outside and an extra water bottle.

Congratulations to Laura Angelo, our School Counselor! Laura gave birth to a happy and healthy baby girl, Harper Grace Angelo, on Mother's Day! Mommy and baby are doing very well.

Congratulations to Ms. Courtney Palmer. Courtney is getting married this Saturday and will return as Mrs. Seehusen.

Join us on Saturday, June 2nd to celebrate the life of Father Nick and his battle with pancreatic cancer! Please join our St. Anthony of Padua team walking in memory of Father Nick. Anyone interested can join by clicking the link on our Facebook page. You can also email me at jwhite@stanthonynet.org to forward you the information.

Alumni News

Congratulations to the following former students who received honors at St. Elizabeth High School for the third marking period!

- **1ST Honors** – Justin Brooks, Andres Fabris, James Mazalewski, Taylor Oden-Randolph, Nathan Thomas, Daniel Borowski, Sadie Falcone-Testardi, Alexis Martin Del Campo, and Ben Pfeil.
- **2nd Honors** – Angelina Squillace, Angelina Degnars, Jordan Foy, Anastasia Mazalewski, and Naia Pulliam.

Congratulations to the following former students who received honors at Padua Academy for the third marking period!

- **High Honors** – Christina Molloy, Samantha DiVirgilio, Mackenzie McCall, Robin Land, Reagan Widmaier, Katherine Collier, and Rachel Tomlinson.
- **Honors** – Ellen Banker, Andrea Reynolds, Julia Wood, Noelle DiVirgilio.

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.

- **May 22nd – May 25th –Music and the Arts!**
- **May 22nd – Spring Band Concert – Ballad Room – 2:00 P.M.**
 - 2nd Grade Field Trip - White Clay Creek State Park
- **May 23rd – 8th Grade Field Trip to NYC**
 - 1st Grade Field Trip – Philadelphia Zoo -8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
- **May 24th – 5th Grade Field Trip - Philadelphia Museum of Art – 8:45 A.M. – 2:15 P.M.**
 - 3rd Grade Field Trip – Delaware Solid Waste Authority – 8:45 – 11:30 A.M.
- **May 25th – NOON DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS – Teacher Planning Day**
- **May 28th – Memorial Day – School Closed**
- **May 29th – Field Day**
- **June 1st – Preschool’s Last Day**
- **June 4th – 8th Grade Communion Breakfast**
- **June 5th – 8th Grade Graduation – Church – 7:00 P.M.**

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Academic Ending

1. We finished administrating 385 AP exams last week – Now we are finishing all of the senior exams.
2. Final Exams for all other students begin on June 4-8

Proms

We had beautiful proms this year. The senior prom was held at the Chase Center, followed by an After Prom Party at PAL Center in Hockessin on May 4

The junior Prom was on May 12 at school.

Our Blue/Gold Club will host the Special Needs Prom on June 1.

Development

Our Dinner in Honor of Women's Achievement was the best yet. Roma Downey was a terrific speaker. She captured our mission and motto with her stories from her own life.

Italian Festival

We are working hard at getting volunteers for the funnel cake booth. I brought you, Anthony, our current numbers as of today. I am hoping we will be able to staff all shifts.

Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation – Thank you for allowing us the use of the church and the gym.

Bacc Mass is at 7 PM on May 29 with the doors opening at 6:15 – Fr. Ed Ogden will celebrate with us. Fr. Mark Wrightson will concelebrate.

Graduation is at 7:30 on May 31. Doors will open at 6:30. We will use the gym for faculty gowns and caps. Bishop Malooly, Msgr. Hurley, Dr. DeAngelo, Ms. Ripken, 3 members of the Catholic Schools Advisory Board and our full Padua Board will be in attendance.

Graduates – There will be 151 students graduating. They have earned over \$22,000,000 in university scholarships

Scout Update, May 22, 2018

Girl Scouts had their last meeting on Monday, May 21.

Boy Scouts:

- Nicolas DeLuca who is one of our Life Scouts completed his Eagle Scout project which included improvements to bleachers, concession stand and modification to windows at Fournier Gym. He passed his Eagle Scout board of review and we conducted his Eagle Scout Court of honor this past Sunday 5/20.
- We will be sponsoring Cameron Trzepacz and Eddie Loyola to attend the Del-Mar-Va Council's National Youth Leadership Training – This course is an advanced course dealing with leadership skills and we are confident that these boys will leverage these skills to lead our troop.
- Easter Camping took place at a campground near the Antietam National Battlefield April 6-8 – The troop visited the battlefield which also made for a very long hike.
- The Troop had a Swim day on Mar 15th in conjunction with St. Elizabeth's Troop 285 who rented out the Fraim Boys and Girls Club Pool. Their leadership was kind enough to invite our boys and is becoming a yearly tradition. Some boys who needed to complete swimming requirements were able to do so prior to summer camp
- The final day of Merit Badge College was conducted on Feb 24th.
- We celebrated Scout Sunday on Mar 4th where the Troop and Cubs attend Mass together then headed back to Scout Hall for respective Courts of Honor where awards are given out and ranks are recognized. Finally the cub's scouts pinewood derby race was conducted where cub scouts raced miniature cars that they built. Food and refreshments were provided and it turned out to be a wonderful event that was well attended by the boys and their families.
- News from the BSA organization was received earlier this month regarding welcoming Girls into Troops. We maintain that there has not been any demand thus far but that we will consider chartering a separate troop and creating a pack providing that the appropriate volunteer leadership steps up.
- Here is a summary of what the program looks like now:

Cub Scouts

Girls welcomed to Cub Scout Packs in 2018, Cub Scout Packs now have the ability to have:

- An all boy Pack
- An all girl Pack
- A Pack with separate boy dens and girl dens

At the basic level, both boys and girls will be in a single-gender environment. The program will be the same for both. For outdoor and other major activities, like the Pinewood Derby, both boys and girls can come together.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scout program name changed to Scouts BSA. The organization name will continue to be Boy Scouts of America.

Beginning in 2019, young women ages 11 to 18 can join and work on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Scouting for this age group will be delivered by single-gender Troops who may choose to conduct some joint activities throughout the Scouting year. The program requirements will be the same for both genders.

Submitted by Lou Vella,