

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019

In Attendance: Anthony Albence, Kim Caputo, Mark Denney, Jim DelGrosso, Anthony Frabizzio, Lynn Kee, Maria Panella, John Potts, Patty Roach, Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields, Angela Wise, Fr. Mark Wrightson, OSFS; Judy White

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Wrightson offered the Opening Prayer, *A Prayer For Pastoral Mission* & invited all to pray the Parish Mission Statement.
- December Meeting Minutes
 - NOTE: No formal minutes of December meeting, as the meeting was a discussion format.
- High School Representatives Report:
 - Representative was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
- Discussion Items
 - St. Anthony in the Hills Update
 - Anthony A. & Anthony F. provided an update on the sale of the property.
 - A formal announcement of the sale will be presented to the parish & the establishment of an endowment fund, to be named the Fr. Roberto Balducelli, OSFS, St. Anthony's Second Century Endowment Fund.
 - The property was purchased by New Garden Township and will be maintained as open space and dedicated to public use.
- Parish Financial Update
 - Bob Shields provided a written report, which was distributed to the Council members. He reviewed some high level conclusions from the report & answered questions.
 - Some key facilities items to be addressed include the rectory roof (price TBD), repairs to the church roof (tile replacement, etc.), as well as repair to Scout Hall (roof and internal repairs).
 - Grade School tuition will increase approximately 4.5% for the 2019-2020 academic year.
 - The Finance Council budget planning subcommittee continues to examine all parish budgets and expenses to examine potential cost savings.
- Pastor's Discussion
 - Fr. Mark discussed Cindy Mann's decision to retire at the end of this academic year. Fr. Mark also shared Cindy's letter outlining her decision. Fr. also shared that he will be consulting with the Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools, as well as the Oblate Provincial, regarding next steps.
- Evening Mass Focused on Young Adults/Young Families
 - Anthony A. recapped the launch of the Mass, which occurred on Epiphany Sunday, 1/6. The Mass will be held at 5PM, & refreshments will be offered (occasionally) after some Masses.



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Business Manager's Report to the Parish Council

Combined Parish Operations

December 31, 2018 marked the half-way point for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Overall revenue has increased 1.9% from the same period during 2017

Overall expenses have decreased 1.7% from the same period during 2017

Net Income increased by 4.2% from the same period during 2017

Parish Capital Needs

Replacement of the rectory roof is being discussed at the Parish Facilities Committee meeting this Thursday.

A request has been submitted to the Fusco Foundation for support to replace the broken tiles on the church roof. We have 325 tiles on site to begin this project.

The school has had boiler repairs in the past 30 days but no other capital expenditures are required at the moment.

Grade School

Tuition increase for the 2019-2020 school year is 4.5%.

A subcommittee of the Parish Finance Council along with the management staff of the grade school is closely reviewing the 2019-2020 proposed budget for expense adjustments and to develop additional revenue sources.



January 18, 2019

Dear Parents, Students, Alumnae Friends of Padua Academy,

After prayerful consideration, I submitted my letter of retirement as Head of School for Padua Academy to Reverend Mark Wrightson, Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish and to Dr. Louis De Angelo, the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Wilmington. This will take effect at the conclusion of my current 2018-19 contract on June 30, 2019.

As you can imagine, this decision was not made lightly. I have spent hours praying - asking for guidance as well as the Lord's direction for all of the people of Padua and for me at this time in my life. He led me to Padua ten years ago with a mission of leadership for young women. That vision and mission inspired every decision I made. You entrusted me with your daughters' education and I promised you a transformative experience that would guide their current endeavors and their future successes. The impact on my life and spirit has been impossible to measure. Your trust and your daughters' enthusiasm have given me life - literally. I will continue to pray for all of us. I also promise to continue to be a strong advocate for women's education. It is our Padua women, past, present and future, who share in the leadership and spirit of our Church. These women, not only current students, but our very strong and successful alumnae as well as all of the young girls yet to attend, are everyone's hope of the future.

Over the past ten years, it has been my sincere joy to create a team of gifted educational leaders who, in concert with our students, alumnae, and Padua's Board of Trustees have recreated Padua Academy into the school it is today - a premiere twenty-first century women's secondary school. Our Vision and Mission have animated our innovative curriculum within our unique school environment, embracing intellectual curiosity, self-empowerment, gratitude and faith. This has propelled us into a worldwide view of science, technology, mathematics, journalism, communication and the historic point of view that helps to inform the future of our world community. We have created not only an exciting learning adventure for our students, but for our teachers as well. This "hands - on" type of academic rigor allows our Padua community to research and develop new products that are engineered for better medical applications of the future. From the tiniest micro systems (Internet of Things) that are driving technological components far beyond what we imagine now, is the key driver for school environment that steps beyond

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St. Anthony of Padua Grade School - Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 28th - February 1st



Sunday, 1/27

- Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass - 11:00 A.M.

Monday, 1/28

- *Knowledge Bowl* - 1:30 P.M. - School Gym
- *Go Orange Day* - Wear as much orange as possible added on to your school uniform to show your school pride! (Face paint and temporary spray hair color is allowed.)

Tuesday, 1/29

- *Teacher Appreciation Day* - Student Council will provide lunch for teachers!
- Regular school uniform

Wednesday, 1/30

- *Spirit Day* - All students must wear their gym uniforms to participate in activities planned in the Gym for that day.

Thursday, 1/31

- *Student Appreciation Day* - Students must wear their gym uniforms.
 - The entire school will be going on a field trip to see "Mary Poppins Returns" at Penn Cinema.

Friday, 2/1

- *8th Grade/Parents Volleyball Game* - 1:30 P.M. in Fournier Hall
 - Every student should bring in one canned good as their admission to the volleyball game.
- Students may dress down today!