

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

5/19/2009

In attendance: Fr. McGinley, Fr. Rinaldi, Anthony Albence, Mark Alberti , Nick Ascosi, Mark Blaschke, Cammie Conforti, Elaine Duggan, Anthony Frabizzio, Barbara Marsilii, Bill McNabb, Gizelle Pendang, Dario Testardi

- Opening Prayer: Fr. McGinley opened the meeting with a prayer.
- April Meeting Minutes: Bill moved and Elaine seconded a motion to approve the April 2009 minutes as amended (spelling correction). Motion passed unanimously.
- Financial Updates:
 - Fr. McGinley mentioned that recent offertory has been quite low.
 - Annual Catholic Appeal: Fr. McGinley stated that 218 contributions have been received, with pledges totaling \$52,634 (70.55% of 2009 parish goal).
- Padua Principal Search
 - The process is nearing completion, and an offer will be extended to the selected candidate this week
 - The search committee worked very well together, and the process proved to be very successful.
 - The search committee believes the arrival of a new principal will provide an opportunity to build a stronger connection between Padua and the rest of the parish community.
- Parish Council Election Result
 - A total of 13 candidates accepted nominations for 6 open seats on the Council.
 - All 6 current Council members eligible for re-election were nominated and accepted these nominations.
 - 255 votes were counted in the election (across the 4 Masses during the weekend of 5/16-17)

- Of the 6 aforementioned candidates, 5 were re-elected (Carolina Alberti, Bruce Brunozzi, Barbara Marsilii, Ken Panella, and Joe Poppiti). Bill McNabb was not re-elected, and was thanked for his service to the Council.
- Furio Casale was elected as a new Council member.
- The nominations and elections process went well, and Anthony A. thanked Elaine Duggan for her assistance to him in administering the process.
- Student Representatives Reports
 - Gizelle Pendang (Padua)
 - End-of-year activities are underway
 - Students had ample opportunities to offer input during the principal search
 - A number of service activities have been accomplished this year—including a student mission trip to Costa Rica
 - Nick Ascosi (Salesianum)
 - End-of-year activities are underway
 - The school has been honored by the national Jefferson Awards program regarding the school/student community's commitment to service
 - Arts Day was held on Sunday, 5/16
 - Construction will begin soon on a grotto on the school grounds dedicated to the memory of students and alumni whose lives have been lost in automobile accidents
 - Nick also commented on how pleased he is to see increased efforts to recruit young people to serve in parish ministries.
- Liturgy Committee
 - Barbara moved and Mark seconded a motion that names on the parish Sick List remain on the list for one month and then be removed, unless the original submitter requests that the name remain on the list. The motion passes unanimously.
- Parish and Family Life Committee
 - New committee members are enjoying the ministry.
 - Final social of year held 5/3, with socials resuming in October.

- Christian Formation Committee
 - The committee is working on implementation of a web-based education tool for the parish community which will afford opportunities for individuals to submit questions about the Catholic faith that will be answered by qualified sources.
- Building and Maintenance Committee
 - A repair is needed for the door frame of the Religious Goods store, following damage resulting from a break-in attempt.
 - Fountain rehabilitation is moving forward. The final sealant coat for the interior has been applied, and tile will be replaced shortly.
- Italian Festival
 - Intense preparations are underway for the 2009 Festival. All is progressing well.
- Respect Life
 - The Mother's Day Weekend Rose Sale was very successful, with all 500 roses being sold. A total of \$1103.00 was raised for Birthright of Delaware.
- YAC
 - Sports Banquet was held Saturday. This fun event capped off a very successful program year.
- Scouting
 - Girl Scouts' program year ended on 5/18. 7 Daises will graduate to the Brownies level, 5 Brownies will graduate to the Junior level, and Gizelle Pendang and Samantha Martone are about to receive their Silver Awards.
 - Boy Scouts program will end for the year, but will continue with summer camping. Also, the troop is awaiting word if another scout will earn his Eagle status.
- St. Anthony in the Hills
 - Next board meeting is 6/22, and Anthony A. intends to pursue some (relatively) new initiatives at the facility.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Rinaldi offered a closing prayer.

Next Meeting: September 22, 2009