

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council

Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2010

In attendance: Fr. McGinley, Fr. Rinaldi, Anthony Albence, Carolina Alberti, Bruce Brunozzi, Furio Casale, Cammie Conforti, Elaine Duggan, Anthony Frabizzio, Pete Gigliotti, Barbara Marsilii, Josephine Panariello, Lucretia Serio, Dario Testardi, Susan Lalli-Ascosi (guest), Alissa Spittle (high school representative-St. Mark's High School)

- **OPENING PRAYER:** Anthony called the meeting to order at 7:03PM, and asked Fr. McGinley to offer an Opening Prayer. Anthony welcomed guest Susan Lalli-Ascosi and high school representative Alissa Spittle.
- **MARCH MEETING MINUTES:** Barbara moved and Elaine seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously. (NOTE: Secretary Joe Poppiti was unable to attend meeting. As such approval of minutes of the February meeting will take place at the May meeting [in addition to approval of minutes of the April meeting].)
- **FINANCIAL/GENERAL UPDATES:**
 - Fr. McGinley stated that parish offertory is trending down 4-5% vs. totals for calendar year 2009. He stated that the net decline is approximately \$3,000.00 less (total) over the past four (4) weeks vs. the same period in calendar year 2009.
 - Anthony shared that the parish is at approximately 50% of its Annual Catholic Appeal goal after tabulating pledges from the Commitment Weekend the weekend immediately following Commitment Weekend. These results are consistent with trends from prior years.
 - Fr. McGinley mentioned that the restoration work on the mosaic in the sanctuary area will likely begin after the Festival.
- **HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES**
 - Alissa Spittle, St. Mark's High School Student, shared:

- various arts-related updates, including a recent band competition in Gatlinburg, TN, where the St. Mark's bands received numerous awards.
 - that students' continue to participate in a number of fundraising and charitable efforts this school year.
 - Info on the school's recent celebration of the Feast of St. Mark.
- STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES
 - Parish and Family Life (Anthony Albence)
 - Final parish social before the summer break will be held on Sunday, 5/2, following 11AM Mass. At this social, the parish will offer a special welcome to participants in the Sister Cities Wilmington exchange program with Olevano, Italy.
 - Christian Formation (Anthony Albence)
 - Working on plans for "next steps" to weekly reflection on the Scripture readings, and a follow-up/successor to the "Faith Before Five" program.
 - Social Concerns:
 - Efforts are underway to assist a parish family which was recently affected by a fire.
 - Building and Maintenance (Fr. McGinley)
 - Church downspouts are being cleaned out and repaired as needed.
 - (Festival-related) work will commence soon on an expansion of "The Cage" in Café La Piazza.
 - A submission to the Parish Suggestion Box recommended that some type of screen or meshing be placed in the heater grills in the floor of the church to prevent items from being dropped into the grates.
 - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life (no report-updates provided below)
 - Tony Candeloro, new Coordinator of Ministry of Hospitality, was invited to attend tonight's meeting but was unable to attend. Anthony shared a message from Tony, which relayed Tony's gratitude to all who have assisted him in his transition to coordinating the ministry, and his openness to new ideas. Tony is continuing to recruit additional ministers.

- A number of concerns were raised by Council members regarding the 9AM Mass on Easter Sunday. Following the discussion, Anthony requested that these concerns be addressed to the Liturgy Committee and the Coordinator of Music Ministry.
- ITALIAN FESTIVAL (Anthony Albence)
 - “The Cage” (in La Piazza Café) will be expanded and the appearance of this area improved. [as mentioned in Building & Maintenance report]
 - Wednesday setup nights continue weekly through the Festival, from 6PM-8:30PM.
 - 8 Day Pass sales continue via the Festival website.
 - Italy trip raffle tickets are on sale, and all are strongly encouraged to “spread the word” and promote ticket sales.
- RESPECT LIFE (Elaine Duggan)
 - Elaine reported on positive feedback regarding the “Fact of Life” feature included each week in the parish bulletin.
 - Parishioner Susan Lalli-Ascosi provided information to the Council regarding hospice care (background on hospice, facts about hospice, etc.) and will continue to be in communication with Fr. McGinley and the Council regarding the possibility of offering a program to the parish to share information on hospice care.
- YAC (Carolina Alberti)
 - St. Anthony’s boys track team participated in the Penn Relays for the first time in several years.
 - St. Anthony’s will host a track meet on 5/8.
- SCOUTING (Cammie Conforti)
 - Girl Scouts are ending their season soon, prior to breaking for the summer. A number of activities are planned for the various scout groups in May, including a sleepover, and trips to the Philadelphia Zoo, Hershey Park, and Dutch Wonderland.

- ST. ANTHONY IN THE HILLS (Anthony Albence)
 - Marketing plan prepared by AB&C was presented to the Hills Board of Directors at their April 8th meeting and was very well-received. The Board is working on implementing aspects of the plan currently feasible with limited resources.
 - Efforts are underway to implement a shared online calendar for Hills' facilities, and to contract with a new attorney for the Hills (with the retirement of Frank Biondi).
 - Sunrise Service was held on Easter Sunday (April 4) @ 6AM, and attracted one of the largest attendance in the event's history (approximately 850 people).
- HOLY NAME SOCIETY: NO REPORT
- SODALITY (Lucretia Serio)
 - Sodality members will be placing flowers at the Shrine of Our Lady throughout the month of May.
 - The crowning of the Blessed Mother will take place during the May Procession on May 16th at the 9AM Mass. Sodality member Debbie Pannebianco will crown the Blessed Mother.
 - The Sodality's monthly meeting will be held on May 18th, and will be a covered dish dinner.
- GRADE SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL (Fr. McGinley)
 - A Search Committee comprised of ten individuals from the parish and the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office has been formed and will be interviewing qualified candidates for the Grade School Principal position.
- MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE (Written report submitted by Mark Blaschke)
 - Efforts are ongoing to raise funds for a new organ. Continue the Legacy concerts continue and applications for funding will be submitted to charitable foundations as well.
 - Mark is working on the evening concerts to be offered during the Italian Festival.
- NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (Anthony Albence)

- Nominations will be accepted the weekends of May 1-2 and May 8-9. Biographical sketches of nominees will be available in-pew the weekend of May 15-16 and the info will also be posted on the parish website. The election will take place during Masses the weekend of May 22-23. Anthony thanked Elaine Duggan for her assistance with the nominations and elections process.
- CELEBRATION FOR FRANK BIONDI, ESQ. (Fr. McGinley)
 - Fr. McGinley announced that an evening event celebrating the retirement of parish legal counsel Frank Biondi will be held at Cavaliers' Country Club will be held in September. All are encouraged to attend and show appreciation for Frank's 50 years of pro bono service to our parish.
- ADJOURNMENT
 - Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.
 - Fr. McGinley offered a Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010 @ 7PM.