

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2013

7:00PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Gerard Mahoney, OSFS, Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Mark Blaschke, Linda Brunozzi, Furio Casale, Tony Candeloro, Anthony Frabizzio, Pete Giorgi, Thomas Sean Moore III (youth representative), Josephine Panariello, John Potts, Lucretia Serio, Elaine Serpe, Judy White

EXCUSED: Jim DelGrosso, Lynn Kee, Patty Roach

- Opening Prayer
 - “Prayer For Christian Unity” was prayed by the members.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 2012 Meeting
 - John Potts moved & Furio Casale seconded the motion to approve the minutes with one amendment (addition of Pete Gigliotti as an excused absent member). Motion passed unanimously.
- Youth Representative Report
 - Thomas Sean Moore III, a student at Delaware Military Academy (and a St. Anthony’s Grade School alumnus) offered a report and remained present for the balance of the meeting.
- Parish Council Vision Overview Process
 - Fr. Nick presented a revised draft of a Parish Survey, and opened the discussion on same with a request for feedback about the experience of Council members in completing the survey. Comments included:
 - Positive feedback for the free response options and the option to rank most important questions in each section.
 - Demographic information will be collected from survey participants as well.
 - The Council then discussed distribution options
 - Provide pre-printed envelopes with family names & provide printed copies.
 - Families can take the quantity of printed surveys they need to complete
 - Those envelopes not picked up will be mailed
 - Offer a printable version of the survey on the parish website.
 - Provide a web-based version of the survey to complete (via Survey Monkey)
 - Fr. Nick will also compose a cover letter
 - Council members agreed with Fr. Nick’s suggestion that young people who have received Confirmation (and older) are welcome to complete the survey.
 - The discussion on administration of the survey (distribution/collecting/analyzing responses, as well as timing for the survey) will continue at the February meeting.
- Grade School Report
 - Judy White presented a written report (to be incorporated into the meeting minutes) and highlighted the following recent developments:

- The recent installation of quotes of the school/parish’s spiritual founders (e.g., St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis of Assisi, other church leaders) in the school hallways. These additions have been very well-received.
 - The Open House on Sunday, 1/20, was successful. Around 40 families toured the school, including several families of students currently attending Our Lady of Fatima School (which will close at the conclusion of this academic year).
- Sodality Report
 - Lucretia Serio presented a written report. Highlights appear below.
 - Sodality met on January 15th & reviewed the Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast, held in December. A total of 83 attended the event, and a “profit” of \$388.00 was earned. The Sodality made a \$500 contribution to the church.
 - Sodality member attended viewing of deceased Sodalist Margaret Olivere.
 - A total of 15 members participated in the Sodality’s January Sodality Mass.
- Respect Life Committee Report
 - Monthly meetings continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each month.
 - Committee members distributed prayer cards to Mass attendees this past weekend. The cards were provided by Doris & Bill Marsilli.
 - The committee now has a Facebook page (facebook.com/stanthonyrespectlife). (NOTE: A link to this page has been placed on the main parish Facebook page (www.facebook.com.stanthonyswilm))
 - Felix Spittle placed the traditional crosses at the entrance to the church memorializing babies lost to abortion.
 - Felix Spittle and other local Knights of Columbus to participate in the March for Life in Washington, DC, on January 25th. On this day Fr. Nick will be leading praying the rosary at Noon on this day.
- Italian Festival Report
 - Anthony Albence reported on means to enhance the profitability of the Festival that the Festival Steering Committee is considering. Currently underway is a plan to use enhanced point of sale units that will include integrated acceptance of credit cards, as well as the capability to support a “branded” Festival gift card. Anthony also reported that outside fundraising efforts for the Festival are well underway and have been successful to date.
- Music Ministry Report
 - Mark Blaschke reported:
 - The Epiphany Concert with Zampognari (Italian bagpipers) was a success. Kudos to Joe Cannavo & the team that spearheaded this effort.
 - The Music Ministry is working with Fr. Nick per his request for a more “vibrant” ministry. Mark is working intensively with the music ministers in various regards to achieve this vision.
 - A Liturgical Ministers Formation Day will be held on Saturday, 3/9 from 10AM-2PM in the Ballad Room. More information will be forthcoming on this event.
 - Mark invited any interested vocalists to participate in the choir for Via Crucis. Practices are on Sundays from 2-4PM from now until the beginning of Lent.
 - Plans for the Italian Festival Gala Concert are well underway. The bulk of the schedule for this year’s event is complete. This year’s concert will include an

appearance by the Zampognari (Italian bagpipers); many accomplished musicians, and will be conducted by renowned conductor Simeone Tartaglione.

- New Business
 - Pastor's Comments
 - To be offered at February meeting.
 - General
 - Anthony Albence provided an update on the parish directory project. The final series of photos sessions is scheduled from 1/23-2/2 in the rectory, and Anne D'Ascoli finishing up the photographs of parish organizations/groups/ministries. Linda Brunozzi and Anthony will work on directory layout and production. The target delivery date for the directory is spring 2013.
- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Nick informed the Council that he was notified of the death of Fr. Robertos's brother, Fr. Ruggerio Balducelli, OSFS. Fr. Nick suspended his comments (to be resumed at February meeting), and requested that the meeting be adjourned.
 - The closing prayer was offered for the repose of the soul of Fr. Ruggerio.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Albence
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 2/25/2013 @ 7PM

Parish Council Meeting Grade School Report- January 22, 2013
Respectfully submitted by Judy White, Principal

Zampognari – They presented the history of the Italian Bagpipers and entertained our students on the last day before Christmas break. Thank you to Anthony Albence and Wilmington University for arranging this special event. The children learned a lot and enjoyed being able to touch the bagpipes for a hands on experience.

We had a beautiful Advent and Christmas Season in our school community. Mrs. Dolores Degnars did an amazing job with the Christmas pageant and Epiphany masses.

Winter Coat Drive- St. Anthony's Student Council is holding a Winter Clothing Drive from now until January 31st. Please send in new or used coats, sweaters, gloves, scarves, sleeping bags, blankets, or any other clothing to be donated to Samaritan Outreach, a division of the Ministry of Caring in Wilmington. Thank you in advance.

Security Upgrades- I have been working closely with the Wilmington Police Department and Security Instruments, since the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary. Both have assured me that our building is one of the most secure schools in the city. They made some simple suggestions for additional cameras, panic buttons in the main office, and a second alarm panel upstairs. All work will begin tomorrow. We have only one entrance to allow passage into the grade school. All visitors must enter at the main entrance, where we have them on camera. They have to state their name and purpose before we permit them in the building. All visitors wear visitor tags, so students and staff know they have signed in.

Electrical Upgrades – I have completed the first phase of plans for electrical upgrades. Second phase is the electrical panel upgrade. This should begin shortly, thanks to generous contributions from the Columbus Day Committee, Gene Battaglia, the Home and School Board (donating reunion money back to the school), the Grade School Reunion, and two contributions from Nicky and Lorraine Ferrara. This will prepare us for eventually air conditioning the school, to make us even more competitive and sustainable in the future.

Rescheduled 7th Grade Retreat – February 8th, 2013 will be our Seventh Grade Retreat Day. The children are looking forward to praying and sharing together. We have reserved the Antonian Community Room for this special day. It will begin with our regularly scheduled 8am mass.

New inspirational quotes on the grade school walls – Stop by and visit us and see the new quotes on our hallway walls. YAC donated over 20 beautiful quotes from St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis of Assisi, and many others.

March for Life – Our 8th Grade class will have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. on Friday, January 25th to show our commitment to protecting life at all stages, from conception

until a natural death. This will be a wonderful chance for our students to pray for the rights of the unborn. Thank you, Mr. Limmina, for giving our students this spiritual opportunity.

Valentine's Beef and Beer – Mark your calendars for Home and School's Beef and Beer on February 16th in the Ballad Room. This is an adult only event. Look forward to more information.

Grotto's Night– Ash Wednesday, February 13th, 4-9pm – Please mark your calendars for our next Grotto Night. This is a fundraiser that requires nothing but a voucher that says that you represent St. Anthony's Grade School. It is a nice night and a fun time to share a meal with friends. **Via Crucis will begin on Ash Wednesday** and will be offered every Friday during Lent until its closing night on Good Friday. Do not miss it!

Congratulations to Mrs. Potts for earning St. Anthony's \$1,140 to be used for the PAWS for Reading/PAWS for Reading Plus program for our students. This grant was awarded by the Delaware Community Foundation and the Fund for Children's Literacy Grants Committee.

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 24th- 8am Mass/Feast of St. Francis de Sales - God Bless St. Anthony's priests, deacons, and Brothers!

Jan. 25th- March for Life – 8th Grade goes to Washington DC with Mr. Limmina.

Jan. 27th- **Catholic School's Week begins with Mass at 11am**

Monday Jan. 28th - Teacher Appreciation Day

Tuesday Jan. 29th - Knowledge Bowl

Wednesday Jan. 30th - Volleyball Game – A canned good is required for admission!

Thursday Jan. 31st - Morning - Moon Bounce "surprise" at Fournier Hall;

Afternoon - 1:15 and 7 pm Talent Show

Feb. 1st- School closed for students/ Staff Development at St. Marks H.S.

Feb. 7th - Field trip for Preschool 3 and 4 year olds to the DuPont Theatre at 9:30am

Feb. 8th- 7th Grade Retreat at the Antonian