

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2019

In Attendance: Anthony Albence, Mark Denney, Jim DelGrosso, Anthony Frabizzio, Pete Giorgi, Lynn Kee, John Potts, Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Bob Shields, Angela Wise, Fr. Mark Wrightson, OSFS

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Wrightson offered the Opening Prayer, *A Prayer for Pastoral Mission* & invited all to pray the Parish Mission Statement.
- January Meeting Minutes
 - Anthony moved and Mark seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 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 & follow-up activities to be completed
 - An update of the sale is being shared with the parish, which will also include an announcement of the establishment of an endowment fund, to be named the Fr. Roberto Balducelli, OSFS, St. Anthony's Second Century Endowment Fund. The bulk of proceeds from the sale will serve as the seed money for this Fund.
- Parish Financial Update
 - Bob Shields provided a written report, which was distributed to the Council members. He reviewed highlights from the report and answered questions from Council members.
 - 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 provided an update on the status of the leadership transition/search process to fill Cindy Mann's position, following her retirement at the end of the current academic year.
- Evening Mass Focused on Young Adults/Young Families
 - Attendance at the Mass has grown and is currently averaging 50-60/weekly. A mix of parishioners and non-parishioners are attending, and a sense of community at this liturgy is growing.

- Grade School Report & Home & School Update
 - Upcoming Home & School Events: Italian Night on 3/2; Bag Bingo on 4/7.
 - Judy provided a written report, which was distributed to Council members, including activities offered as part of Catholic School Week.
 - Reenrollment & new student enrollment is fully underway. Tours are available any time for prospective students and families.

- Padua Academy Report
 - Head of School Cindy Mann provided a written report, which will be included in the meeting minutes.

- Old Business
 - None

- Announcement
 - Via Crucis 2019 will commence at 7:30PM on Ash Wednesday, 3/6. Subsequent performances will take place on Fridays in lent, beginning 3/15.
 - Ash Wednesday schedule 6:45 & 8 AM Mass; 12 Noon Prayer Service; Via Crucis @ 7:30PM, with ashes distributed @ approximately 8:30PM (immediately following)
 - Confirmation will be held this year on Sunday, 11/17 @ the 11AM Mass.

- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Wrightson offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 3/26/2019 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Meeting Room)



Parish Council Grade School Report February 26, 2019
Respectfully submitted by Judy White

Lent: Lent is approaching, and our students have submitted suggestions for our schoolwide Lenten theme. The theme chosen was, "Renew our Hearts." Seventh Grade came up with the theme and illustrated it beautifully. Look for this theme displayed in our halls and classrooms and on our Facebook page. Join us on Wednesday night, March 6th, at 7:30 P.M. in church for our annual Via Crucis. For anyone new to us, this is a beautiful play, walking through Jesus's last days of life. It is the Stations of the Cross brought to life and performed with elementary, high school, and a few college students. Check our school calendar for upcoming presentations. Also during Lent, feel free to join us at 2:00 P.M. on Fridays in our church as our students read the Stations of the Cross. Our Lenten Fridays are special, as we walk with Jesus on His journey to our salvation.

Planning for Summer/Next School Year - In order to help with planning, please know that we plan to return to school earlier in August than the previous year. We are planning for our first day back with the students to be Tuesday, August 27th. Our full calendar has not been approved by our Superintendent, but this is an option for us to preserve Christmas and Easter break next year and to still close school in time for the Italian Festival. More details will follow.

Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood last week! A total of 29 pints of blood was collected. Each pint of blood can help up to 3 people. So those who donated have helped 87 people! Thank you!

Re-registration Time - We are currently enrolling and re-enrolling for the 2019-2020 schoolyear! We have had several tours for preschool and Kindergarten, which is promising.

YAC News:

We have had very busy and engaging Fall and Winter seasons! We offered Cross Country, Volleyball, Cheerleading, and our most popular; basketball. Basketball season is huge at St. Anthony's. We start them in Kindergarten with a fun and social K-2 team, open to all schools in the Diocese. We have pre JV, JV, and Varsity teams. The Varsity Boys won the Championship for their division! They want everyone to know. They are so excited. Coaches were Chris Corbino, Ray Ianni, and Joe Saienni. The coaches and YAC did an excellent job this year as always. They brought faith into their practices and

games, praying together often. They had a retreat this year with both boys and girls teams. Father Wrightson was part of that retreat and most recently had a special team Mass for the students and their families. We thank him for his support. We are registering now for Spring sports; track and baseball!

Financial Aid for the 2019-2020 School Year – Financial aid packets are now available in the main office. **All parents applying for financial aid to our school MUST apply to the Diocese first.** Please be aware that without a completed application to the Diocese, a family will not be considered for financial aid through our parish education fund. Please contact Mr. Shields or Mrs. Serio with any questions.

**Reminder - Financial aid packets have to be completed and submitted by March 4th.*

CALENDAR REMINDER – On Wednesday, March 27th, all Diocesan Schools will be closed for teacher professional development. Students will have the day off.

Sacrament Save the Dates:

- **March 11th** – Confirmation Registration for 2019 – Ballad Room – 6:15 P.M.
 - *Parents and candidates must attend.*
- **April 7th** – 2nd Grade First Communion Practice –Church – 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
- **April 28th** – 2nd Grade First Communion Practice –Church – 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.
- **May 3rd** – Practice Day for First Communion – School – 7:45 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. – **MANDATORY**
- **May 4th** – First Communion Celebration – Church – 10:00 A.M.
 - *Students must report to school at 9:15 A.M.*

From Home and School:

Save the date for Italian Night! Come join us on **Saturday, March 2nd** when St. Anthony's Home and School Association will be hosting Italian Night. Come indulge in delicious Italian food and drink while listening to stories and music of Frank Sinatra. Tickets cost \$35 and include appetizers, salad, Italian entrees, dessert, beer, wine, and soda. To purchase tickets, contact Elizabeth Alfieri at (302) 593-8773 or escorsone@hotmail.com. You can also purchase tickets online by visiting <https://www.squareup.com/store/sapgs>. Home and School has asked for parents to donate items to be raffled off. If you have a business and would be interested in donating, please let us know.

Home and School had a Mom's Day Out event this past Sunday, painting pallets. They created some really beautiful pieces of wooden art.

Please be sure to follow us on Facebook! If you haven't followed us yet, look for **St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Families, Alumni & Friends.**

School Report - 2-21-19

Enrollment

- March 1 marks our deadline for receiving enrollment contracts.

Budget Meetings with Departments

Facilities

- Annex Roof
- Annex replace fire panel, add a fire escape on second floor, new side door that rates
- Roberto Hall - looking for grants
- Jeff is putting together an audit with 5 year timeline

Academics

- Faculty meetings over 2 days in small non-department meetings with specific discussion topics - How can we improve our student experience with time management and flex
- All courses - including new ones are now available on our new website
- AP exams are coming up
- We are providing many discussions on several career topic this year. We had a successful engineering panel of Alums in engineering positions
- Afternoon Professional Development - Tech Tuesdays - Kim Kiefer, Teaching sand Learning. PD program tomorrow on PSAT

Advocacy Program for Success

- An example - Today's program was on Others - Centered Decision Making and Principal Centered Decision - Why is this important?
- See handout

Teenage Girls and Anxiety

- See handout

