

St. Anthony on the Lake – Parish Council Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2012

Meeting began at 6:00 pm with the opening prayer led by Fr. Tony and Jim Bestor

Present:

Fr. Tony, Debbie Klimko, Cheryl Oliva, Dave Young, Amy Weiber, Carol O'Keefe, Joe Schmit, Bill Hoile, Jim Bestor

Lela Gettelman, Laurie Polkus – Prayer and Worship Committee representatives

Excused: Mike Previte, Suzanne Kain, Bob Bluhm

Prayer and Worship Committee Annual Report - Presented by Lela Gettelman and Laurie Polkus

- Reports on Ministry included Eucharistic Adoration, Usher Ministry, Lector Ministry, Eucharistic Ministry, Art and Environment and Music.
- The hours have been increased for Eucharistic adoration which is currently available from 8 AM Wednesday continuously until 4:00 PM Friday every week.
- The Usher Ministry has great participation and is now up to 82 members, 16 of these members are AED/CPR trained.
- The Lector Ministry consists of 47 members that have been led over the last the last three years by Joy Szopinski, who will be stepping down...Patricia Ashley will stay in the role of schedule Coordinator...
- The Eucharistic Ministry now has a total of 184 trained Eucharistic Ministers but could still use additional help at the 5:00 PM mass (1 vacancy), 9 AM mass (3 vacancies) and the 10:45 AM mass (12 vacancies). Mary Lyons will be handling the coordinator duties for the 5:00 PM team previously done by Camilla Cane and Anne Chard has taken over the scheduling of all volunteers. A "Table Talk" newsletter is published quarterly by Joy Szopinski, Kathy Waters and Deacon Mike Finley.
- The Art and Environment committee has grown to six people. Their goal is to help create an overall environment that compliments the liturgy and enhances the congregation's prayerful experience. Highlight of the past year was Fr. Tony's Silver Jubilee. New additions would be appreciated as help is required from people who do not mind working on ladders and assistance is required for heavy lifting.
- Music Ministry:
 - The Adult Choir, the largest ever, will participate in the Adult Choir Festival at Holy Apostles, February 4, 2012. The group continues to prepare musically and fund raise for the pilgrimage to Italy in October, six openings remain for this trip.
 - The Cantors, Schola and Children's Choir consist of 17, 16 and 25 members, respectively. The Kid's Kluster Choir will be hosted at St. Anthony's Parish on February 11, 2012.
 - The Contemporary Praise Group, directed by Ann Basten, has grown to 6 band members and 36 singers. This group continues to provide music at all HS retreat masses and encourages teens to find a place where they can share their talent. They continue to provide music for 10:45 masses, hold mini-retreats and have attended Christian concerts at Elmbrook. This group will be providing music for the Young Adult evening with Mike Patin.
 - The School Mass Choir continues to meet weekly with students, grades 3-8, to improve participation in traditional/contemporary liturgical and praise music at school and Sunday mass.
 - The Funeral Choir, Instrumentalists and the Hand-Bells groups have active participation with 32, 25 and 5 members, respectively. The Hand-Bells, directed by Lea Boyd, continue to build repertoire and play during the Christmas and Easter seasons.
 - Other involvement includes: Laurie's attendance at the NMP Convention in Louisville this summer, service to the NPM/ALMA – currently organizing the anniversary dinner in 2013. Laurie is working with the directors of the cluster parishes on collaboration events. In preparation for the effect RMIII will have on Lent by attending a workshop with Fr. Paul Turner on Feb. 6 at the Cousins Center and for the Parish Mission Event – Gathered As One. The up-grading of the sound/video system in the church and the wiring of the gathering space-Fellowship Hall is complete.

Music Ministry Goals for this year – Safe trip to and from Italy, Expansion of the Cantor program to include teams for Funerals and Weddings, Empower and training additional musicians to accompany the expanding schedule of services, become more proficient at Finale music software and continue to strengthen the CPG program.

Overall Ministry Goals for this year –

Continue looking for ways to meet the needs of smaller communities in the parish (like through Taize prayers).

Ongoing challenge to increase mass attendance – start with children.

Catechesis re: lack of reverence, Holy Day attendance, on time attendance

Celebrate 50th anniversary of Vatican II. Host a day to celebrate here in 2013?

Pastor's Report

- **Collaboration** – The joint Advent Reconciliation Service is the next upcoming calendar event. The December meeting, scheduled to be held at St. Anthony's, was cancelled due to illness, funeral and indifference. Indifference seems to be related to the Priests/Pastors that will be leaving their respective parishes.

Revised 2020 Plan of the Archdiocese specifies that St. Anthony's is to cluster with Queen of Apostles. The Parish Council members had a lengthy discussion on what this will mean to St. Anthony's. The Council's goal will be to take a leadership role in determining the direction and fate of our Parish in the upcoming years for ourselves and our successors. Fr. Tony will be contacting Rick Tank and the Placement Board of the Archdiocese for further discussion.

The youth from our neighboring parishes will be invited to attend our upcoming Lenten Mission with Mike Patin.

- **Stewardship** – Fr. Tony indicated he is pleased with the results of the Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Weekend. The testimonials, presentations, literature and subsequent responses have been positive. Our theme is: "Let my Prayers Rise Like Incense." Literature is being produced, witnesses are being lined up and the liturgies are being prepared. (See additional comments below under Stewardship update)
- **Feasibility Study** – The team is very busy! Much progress is being made. Survey results have been tabulated and summarized. We will be presenting data to parishioners in the upcoming weeks. This info will be forwarded to our Fund Raising Company for further analysis. Fr. Tony indicated he has worked with Fred Stolz – James Company on two previous projects. Many, many thanks to all who have been working so hard and diligently in this effort. (See additional comments below under Feasibility Update)
- **Lenten Mission Update** – We continue to make progress. Lots of PR/announcements/invitations will be happening in the weeks ahead. Hospitality is being planned /organized. Family programs are being developed. Liturgies/Worship aids/décor are being created. Out-reach efforts with "Kids Against Hunger" and Repairers of the Breech are being finalized. All are invited! Bring your neighbors, family and friends! It will be well worth your time. Many, many thanks to the entire Planning Team
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - Catholic School's Week begins this next weekend. Activities include liturgies, vocation awareness talks, outreach activities, special Masses, all culminating in the Open House on January 29, 2012.
 - Mostaccioli Madness is on January 28th.
 - First Reconciliation took place on January 18 & 21. There were 63 children that celebrated the grace and mercy of God in this Sacrament for the first time. Congrats to all and thanks to Debbie Kusch and Co. for preparing the children so well.

All That Jazz will take place on February 17, 2012. Please join us for this fun-filled, memorable evening of music, dinner and auctioning to benefit the great ministries of our Christian Formation Dept. Hope to see you all there!

2020 Archdiocesan Vision Plan has been released in its first draft. Plan was developed and written by Mark Kemmeter with the Office of Planning and calls for 100 priests serving 80 “clusters” of parishes by the year 2020. We met as a District the past Wednesday to discuss the plans for our district (#5). Fr. Ralph Gross (our Dean) noted the idea of one priest serving both St. Anthony’s and Queen of Apostles was not realistic. With numbers and anticipated growth, one priest serving 10,000 parishioners was not a good idea. Others agreed, including Fr. Tony.

Funeral Preparation Booklet is being revised and should be available by the beginning of Lent.

Fr. Tony will be on vacation January 30 – February 12, 2012. Fr. Tony will be moving into his new home on February 9, 2012.

Trustees’ Report

- The financial report for the month ending December 31, 2011 was presented by Bill Hoile. White envelope Total collections YTD and MTD are behind budgeted. The YTD is slightly ahead Actual prior 2010 collections while the MTD is slightly behind. Weekly collections are close to budgeted.
- Green envelope collections (MTD) are behind budgeted. The YTD is ahead Actual prior 2010 collections.
- Projections indicate the mortgage debt will be vanquished in the 1st quarter of 2012.
- The net income is ahead of budgeted and ahead of the Actual prior 2010.

Stewardship Update

- There has been a significant increase in the number of people who are now giving electronically.
- Follow-up will include thank you’s and end of the year statements
- Next-up...Stewardship of Prayer Commitment Weekend the first weekend of Lent
- Stewardship of Prayer will be held the weekend of February 25-26.

Feasibility Study Update

- Interviews were conducted with three Fund Raising Companies. James Company was selected based on the following reasons:
Experience (both the Parish and Fr. Tony have worked with the firm before). **Expertise** (great results/testimonials from others who have worked with them before), **Cost** (they were the most reasonable).
- RFP’s have been sent out to four architectural firms. Interviews with these firms will take place in the next couple weeks to finalize a selection. The successful firm will be asked to develop a Master Plan/Footprint of our proposed project and potential costs. They will be working closely with The James Company in the months ahead.
- The Communications Committee will be meeting next week to develop a timeline and plan for listening sessions. These will likely take place in April.
- The Space Needs Analysis continues with meetings scheduled with the Christian Formation staff and our Maintenance staff as well.

Teaching Parish Update

- No new information at this time

Meeting Adjourned with closing prayer led by Fr. Tony

Next meeting is Monday, February 27th