St. Anthony Parish Council  
Minutes / November 21, 2019  
Parish Center / 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Larry Duke (President), Carrie Delcourt, Al Gahagan, Louis Granato, Tom Pastrnak (Vice President), Clarence Darrow, Katie Kuntz, Joe Laverty, Fr. Apo, Denise Hoteling, John Cooper, Kim Noftsker, Deb Williams.

Guests: Vic Quinn (Parish Trustee), Sam Lazio (Finance Council President).

The opening prayer was given by Al Gahagan.

Minutes of the October 17 Council meeting had several date/time changes and name spelling corrections. Changes noted, the minutes were approved.

**Agenda**

Vic Quinn and Sam Lazio were welcomed to the Council meeting to outline to members several fiscal matters. The general overall investment strategy of St. Anthony's was explained. Investments are kept in reserve and generally not used for the day to day expenses of the Church. Most items of expenditure fall into the category of the general budget. Several questions were asked by Council members about the policies for disbursement when requesting funds. The Finance Council makes the determination for disbursements on conditions and guidelines that reflect the needs of the church. All questions were answered.

**The Stewardship Council** – The Spring St. Anthony Stewardship Magazine staff (Larry Duke, John Cooper, Louis Granato) was given a standing ovation by the Council. The donation of staff time and talent to the publication has kept the cost to a minimum. Monetary grants to St. Anthonys for Stewardship outreach of the Parish has been received from several community foundations. Parish members were given an overview of the Budget Income/Expense Summary Report at all masses November 9th and 10th. This Budget had been printed in the Stewardship Magazine going to all parishioners. Deb was also available to answer any questions.

**Vision Plan for School Building** – Architect to be retained to develop plan for the best utilization of the School. Two bids were obtained - the smallest by a parishioner with whom a meeting with all Parish Committees and Councils involved with the project will be arranged. The hot water heater is now running. E & H Restoration sealed up the stone veneer on the building. Mike tested the mold count in the building and determined there is no problem.

**Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket** sign-up and delivery dates are set.
The St. Anthony Clothing Apparel website is up and functioning. Orders may now be placed.

Staff Reports

Accountant – Deb Williams. The Income/Expense Summary was distributed to members. There were no further questions.

Business Manager and Pastoral Associate – John Cooper. Installation of the retractable awning for the McAnthony Window has been completed. McAnthony Window Cross and Sign installed. Date for dedication and blessing to be set. Snow removal will be done by Delph Landscaping.

This year's six RCIA inquirers will celebrate their first rite at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on December 1. Six additional individuals will be welcomed as candidates for full communion. Seven children of the above individuals will also be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

The CareLink program for utilities and electric operated by Churches United has asked for a donation. We refer our patrons to CareLink daily and therefore recommend a donation of $1000.

Ann and John will participate in a training in January with River Bend Food Bank. This is a mandatory training that will allow us to work with them and receive free and/or reduced price food for McAnthony Window.

There will be an Angel Tree in the vestibule of the Church during Advent.

The 2nd annual McAnthony Window Christmas Party will be Friday, December 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Parish Center. Parishioners are invited to contribute a food dish and items donated from the Angel Tree will be given at the Party.

Shelley Hansen, St. Ambrose graduate student intern, will present another training for McAnthony Window volunteers on Sunday, December 8.

Fishers of Men met in November with Brian Porter as guest speaker. Brian and a couple of other men were responsible in bringing Relevant Catholic Radio to the Quad Cities.

The 20's and 30's Committee will be co-chaired by Katie Kuntz and Danny Gonzalez. The next Downtown with St. Anthony's is planned for Saturday, December 7, following 4:30 p.m. Mass. The evening will include a potluck and Christmas trivia contest.

The Adult Faith study on Prayer continues on December 3 and 10. An average of 30 participants attend.

DRE/Youth Ministry – Denise Hoteling. A Youth Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. this Sunday.

Seven Parish high school students will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. The Facebook page authored by and updated by Religious Education for the Parish has been great for sharing and has collected lots of “Likes.”

Music Director – Kim Noftsker. There will be choir participation December 11 at the Butterworth Center; December 15th at the Outing Center; and December 22nd at St. Anthonys. The Catholic Messenger and Linda Cook of the Quad-City Times will cover the events and WVIK will publicize the concert dates also.

The Children’s Program will be held December 24th from 3:10 to 4:10 with children choir members doing select musical items.

A printed flyer for the December 22nd concert was given to all members to distribute and help promote the time and date.
Pastor's Corner - Fr. Apo. Father Apo thanked all for their concern and thoughtfulness expressed to him on the passing of his sister. As a priest, Father related that the community is his family too. Bishop Zinkula has an appointment with Father Sia to learn more of the St. Mary's parishioners feeling of which Parish to join/merge with. On the 26th, the St. Mary's Committee will be visiting St. Anthonys.

Father has concern over scheduling/rescheduling time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The number of parishioners in attendance is getting smaller and smaller. The time scheduled now is on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Are there suggestions for a time change?

A motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Fr. Apo gave the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned.

The next Council meeting will be January 16, 2020.

Marlene Metzgar-Thompson, Secretary.