

St. Anthony Parish Council
Minutes / April 19, 2018
6:00 pm / Parish Center

Present: Teresa Crossen, Larry Duke, Carrie Delcourt (President), Bill Schutte (Vice President), Denise Hoteling, John Cooper, Kim Noftsker, Fr. Apo.

The opening prayer was given by Carrie. The meeting was called to order.

There was one correction to the March minutes. Placement of a subject in the order of discussion was changed. Noted, the minutes were approved.

Grant requests that are available for St. Anthony's was the first order of business. A Grant Committee of five members has been formed and a request has been submitted to SCRA (Scott County Regional Authority). A copy of that request was given to each Council member – \$5000 for Care and Share and \$5000 for Holiday baskets and Easter Cookout. 2018. Other grants are being considered. Father Apo will ask for Diocesan input.

Discussion on registering St. Anthony's as an organization to receive donations on AmazonSmile. Parishioners would have to be informed as to AmazonSmile, how to use it or not and what the rewards would be for the Parish. This project would have to be under the Parish Finance Council or Deb Williams, Accountant. E script cards from Schnuck's could also be a fund receiving item. St. Anthony's would have to be accepted as a charitable organization by Schnuck's and parishioners would have to request an e script card from Schnuck's. Both of these examples would not cost anything to any parishioner taking part in it. Another fund source is Birdies for Charity for St. Anthony's in connection with the John Deere Classic.

All council members were reminded to give their short biographies to Carrie.

Nominations for new members of the Council are still requested.

A survey was conducted by Cafe on Vine as to meals offered by who at what times to the homeless and needy. Coordination of meals offered without infringement on other offerings was the objective. All surveyed will meet May 4. This "working together" by meal sites was featured in an article in the Catholic Messenger.

Christ Our Life bus tickets will be sold next week. Tickets to the event and bus fees amount to \$65.00 per person. A bus charter is confirmed. The Faith Formation Committee will handle publicity and the selling of tickets.

The Parish secretary, Jan, received a suggestion that St. Anthony's work with the homeless students attending Central High School. As Central does have a coordinator on staff for the homeless students, Teresa Crossen will get more information before any decisions are made.

The 30th Anniversary of Father Apo's ordination is July 31 ----- Fr. also celebrates a milestone birthday this year. A "simple" celebration was requested by Father. The Bishop will preside at a Mass and deliver the homily. More to be decided.

Staff Reports

Accountant – Deb Williams. An Expense - Income Summary was distributed. This covered budget and actual costs through March, 2018.

Business Manager / Pastoral Associate – John Cooper.

New parishioners to St. Anthony's current for 2018 are 23.

The high school students are becoming more of “Youth Group.” Helpers have been brought in. The group meets 2 hours every month and will meet next week. A dinner/movie night has been suggested. RCIA for 2019 has met twice - 6 attending.

Training for new Eucharistic Ministers will be after masses on April 28 and 29.

Volunteers are requested to clean the church this Saturday.

Structural work in the church basement has been completed.

New sound system and microphones have been installed in the Church.

Security risk assessment has been completed by Davenport Police.

ALICE training for staff and volunteers has been scheduled for May 2 at 1 pm.

JC Landscaping will return in warmer weather to complete landscaping of Church grounds.

Maintenance building will have windows replaced with warmer weather. Exterior door painting, masonry work in front of Church, outdoor carpeting completion by Wayne Montgomery will be done in warmer weather also.

Electrical work is being performed by TriCity.

Larry Duke volunteered to paint the Wrigley sign in the parking lot and the Mary statue.

To redo/remodel the Confessional at the rear to the Church will require information on ADA compliance.

DRE – Denise Hoteling.

First Communion will be this Sunday. Four candidates will receive the Sacrament.

Eight candidates will receive Confirmation on May 6.. A photographer will be present to take pictures. Reconciliation, the previous scheduled date canceled because of a storm, will now be held Saturday the day before First Communion. The last class of RE will be 29th of April. May 13th will be May Crowning.

Music Director – Kim Noftsker.

The Palm Sunday concert with the debut of the new sound system was well attended and received. The Ukelele Band will play for Confirmation and wants to continue playing for the summer. Fran Riley filmed a clip for KWQC on the Ukelele Bank to air on local news program. The Adult Choir, the Childrens Choir (2 groups) will perform at Confirmation also, Bible Music Camp (topic – Time Travel) is being formed currently. Students are part of the planning committee.

On May 20, there will be a music appreciation day for all involved in the past year. A dinner is being planned.

Pastor's Corner – Fr. Apo.

Father thanked all for the support and prayers received on the death of his brother.

While in the Congo, Father learned that where our Sister Church was to build a school the land is very rural and insecure but the road near the land has received improvement. A wall around the property will be built to affirm ownership.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry, second by Bill. Motion carried.

The closing prayer was given by Father Apo.

The next Council meeting will be held in the Parish Center, May 17, at 6:00 pm.

Marlene Metzgar-Thompson, Secretary.