

St. Anthony Parish Council  
Meeting / August 16, 2018  
6:00 p.m. / Parish Center

Present: Larry Duke, Al Gahagan, Louis Granato, Tom Pastrnak, Bill Schutte, Deb Williams, Denise Hoteling, Father Apo.

The opening prayer was given by Deb Williams.

Bill Schutte, Vice President, presided over the meeting in the absence of Carrie.

There was one correction to the minutes of July 19 – Dates of Religious Education Sign-up was corrected to August 18, 19.

The Annual Parish Picnic will be September 9, beginning after the 11:30 Mass at Shelter #2, Duck Creek Park. Pulled pork and hotdogs, extras will be provided. Parishioners may bring a dessert to share and there will be a “Pie Contest” to judge the best pie entered. Children's games, face painting, balloons and a playground will be available. Publicity/announcements of the Picnic in the Bulletin will begin next week.

Christ Our Life Regional Conference in Des Moines has a St. Anthony reserved bus for parishioners wanting to attend and have transportation. The bus holds 37 and will leave from and return to the parking lot across from St. Anthony on September 29. Call Deb or John for more information. Flyers are also available in the Church.

ALICE training was attended by Deb and John. It is agreed that the safest place for children in the Parish Center at a time of safety crisis would be in the old school building. The Parish Center is not a secure building but the old school needs much upkeep. More study needs to be done.

Comments to the Faith Formation Committee members have included a panel discussion on issues which might be presented by those attending the discussion. Another suggestion was a meeting to outline, explain, discuss the Bishop's Vision 20/20 Plan for the Year. All video and listening events followed by group discussions are always praised.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Accountant – Deb Williams. Presented the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year July 2017 to June 2018.

DRE/Youth Ministry – Denise Hoteling. Religious Education sign-up will be this weekend. The Confirmation Retreat for St. Anthony students will now be with St. Alphonsus Parish. It will be our own Confirmation day long retreat. We have not received the date for Confirmation from the Diocese/Bishop as of this date.

Music Director – Kim Noftsker. The Children's Choir will resume practice on September 23. There will be two musical programs planned.

Adult Choir practice will begin September 19.

Ukulele group practice starts September 23.

There are printed practice sheets at the entrances of the Church.

Business Manager/Pastoral Associate – John Cooper. There has been 42 new parishioners registered at St. Anthony this year.

MyEoffering is now available to parishioners.

Plastic pew holders have been installed on the pew backs in the Church and are now used for notices, information.

Ten round tables and 160 new stack-able chairs have been purchased for the Parish Center. Over 100 folding chairs from the Parish Center have been sold.

The Potluck and video of Bishop Barron and the Mass was well attended and enjoyed.

Youth Group leaders will be speaking at all Masses this weekend with a kick-off party for the Youth on August 25.

October and November Adult Faith Formation will focus on Pope Francis and his letter on holiness.

Planning program on immigration and social justice related issues and Catholics no longer attending Mass or registered at a Church.

RCIA will kick off on September 18. The group will meet on three Tuesdays a month and have one group attendance at a different Parish Mass once a month.

Usher training was held but more volunteers are needed.

Pastor Corner.

Father Apo thanked all for the joy of celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination. Presence at the Mass and reception and the gifts and prayers were appreciated.

John Cooper had conducted a survey to determine what one time the Mass should be offered on Saturday at St. Anthony. The results were Saturday Mass should remain at the same time all year (80%) with 4:30 p.m. as the most selected time. The survey results were presented to the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Council and accepted by both.

Father Apo attended a meeting discussing the Bishop's 20/20 Vision plans, etc., for the year. An outside consulting firm will be brought in to study the Catholic schools in the Davenport/Bettendorf area. Consolidation, competition, family participation, staff, faculty salaries, costs, social justice projects, plus much more will be studied. An over-all review will be given.

A motion to adjourn and a second was given.

Father led the group in the prayer for Vision 20/20.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Council meeting will be September 20, 6 – 7:30 p.m