St. Anthony Parish Council
Minutes / May 21, 2020
Zoom on the Internet meeting
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Council members present: Larry Duke (President), Carrie Delcourt, Al Gahagan, Louis Granato, Tom Pastrnak (Vice President), Clarence Darrow, Joe Laverty, Kim Noftscher, Deb Williams, Denise Hoteling, Father Apo, John Cooper.
No guests.
Marlene Metzgar-Thompson, Secretary.

The opening prayer was given Clarence Darrow – a prayer to St. Bernardine, Patron of respiratory illness.

Minutes of the April 23, 2020, meeting were approved as written.

AGENDA

Discussion of Bishop Zinkula’s recent letter regarding Covid-19 – We are a people of hope. The outline of parishes returning to “normal” attendance are reasonable but there will be definite changes in how the parish and the mass operates. The outline for “return” is reasonable, responsible and gradual.

There was reflection on members interaction with online mass attendance. Most found the online Mass satisfying but added more private prayer time to their days.

Father Apo will meet with the Bishop tomorrow to set the times for Masses once the merger of St. Mary's and St. Anthony's is completed. A survey of St. Anthony parishioners who usually attended the 11:30 am Sunday Mass found that if there was a split in voting between 9 and 11, then 10:00 would be the choice for 85% of parishioners.

The Core Team will meet on the 26th. Tom Pastrnak will join from St. Anthony's. Parish Council membership will increase to 11 members – 6 from St. Anthony's and 5 from St. Mary's. The Finance Council will be made from 6 members from St. Anthony's and 4 from St. Mary's. Trustees will number two – to be appointed

The Stewardship Magazine of St. Anthony’s was mailed this week. The published articles were in Spanish and English. The Magazine was mailed to all St. Mary’s registered parishioners also.

There have been continuing improvements of the School Building for upcoming Religious Ed. Classes. There is now an office for the DRE in the school building, air conditioning repaired and added in the school and new and improved hardware on the main double door to the building. Nearly $12,000 has been for improvements.
The Food and Toiletries Drive for McAnthony Window was great. 5,000 lbs of food and 1,000 lbs of water was collected.

A large section of sidewalk along Main Street has been replaced for safety reasons. Repairs to the Davenport Library curbing that merges with the St. Anthony parking lot will be done for safety reasons also.

Our sister Parish of St. Josephs in the Congo with remain the sister Parish of St. Anthony.

STAFF REPORTS

Accountant - Deb Williams. Current Parish Income/Expense Report given to each Council member. The Budget is generally down due to the Coronavirus. The ADA is down $17,000. That difference between the allotted pledge amount and the donations of the parish will be an expense of the General Fund of the Parish. Vic Quinn is working with Deb on the paperwork dealing with the PPP Grant received by St. Anthony.

Business Manager and Pastoral Associate – John Cooper. John is working on a website that gives the option of publishing in Spanish and English. The merged Parish will have English/Spanish massals and the the Newsletter will be in two languages. More activities are being planned.

The Zoom program, Biblical Walk with Mary, is being offered to St. Anthony parishioners. It is/was a wonderful program. St. Anthony's also is offering on Zoom on the Telephone a bilingual Rosary with St. Mary's Parish and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All notifications of programs are given on email.

The landscaping on the Parish grounds is complete.

There have been 20 new families registered currently. We are starting to register St. Mary's families.

DRE/Youth Ministry – Denise Hoteling. Because of the virus and the closing of the Parish Center there was no “last” class for Religious Education. Any scheduling of classes for the next term is on hold.

Music Director – Kim Noftsker. Kim is trying to schedule practices but such cannot be final until the virus is contained. A lock on the upper door of the choir loft has been placed as there is an initial concern over access to the organ.

Kim is staying in contact with the organist from Notre Dame in Paris who gave a concert at St. Anthony's a year ago. She would like to have him visit Davenport again and be able to perform another concert but nothing can be scheduled at this time.

PASTOR’S CORNER

Father Apo asked the Parish and members to continue to help our Sister Parish in the Congo. He thanked Carrie for her initial and continual help. The school has been updated but needs water.
The Finance Council agreed with Father and will give $400 scholarships to 20 grade school students from St. Anthony's to attend a local Catholic school. There was $26,000 left from the GALA to continue the scholarships.

A motion to adjourn was given by Clarence, a second followed.

The closing prayer was given by Fr. Apo and the meeting adjourned.