

Annunciation Catholic Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 24, 2019

**Meeting Minutes**

Monsignor Mellone opened the meeting at 7:10pm and led the Council in an opening prayer.

**Attendance**

Present were Monsignor Mellone, Mary Lynne Beebe, Ron Silvestri, Tom Neale, Patrick Son, Anita Siegfriedt and Art Lohsen.

**Parish Events**

The council discussed the idea of having a dinner or series of dinners to raise funds and provide a fellowship opportunity. Ron Silvestri had discussed the idea with Sue Lohsen.

Art Lohsen asked that the dinners be considered as fundraising events, even if the total revenue is small. There was a discussion of how people would be invited if seating for a dinner was limited. The concern was that everyone feel welcome. Perhaps one of the dinners could be a parish wide spaghetti dinner. This would provide an opportunity to inform parishioners about ministry opportunities within the parish.

There was a discussion of how smaller dinners might help to bring groups together who share a common interest. Perhaps parishioners living on the same street might be invited to a dinner, or those who share a profession, ministry participation at Annunciation, or those with similar aged children.

Ron Silvestri agreed that these dinners should be held on a regular basis and should be seen as fundraisers.

Patrick Son pointed out that to be successful, a fundraising dinner should have a specific purpose and fundraising goal.

As the discussion continued, Art asked if we were actually describing two different types of events: one a quarterly dinner that would be open to the entire parish and would be focused on building fellowship; and an annual gala dinner that would be smaller and have a higher fundraising goal.

Patrick suggested that we evaluate these proposed events based on their ROI (Return On Investment).

Tom Neale cautioned that we should be careful not to detract from our other regular events such as the Bazaar and International Night. He also suggested that some events might include musical contributions from the Roth Committee, and noted that the Roth Concerts need not be limited to being held in the church.

### **Renovation Project**

Art reported that David Bagnoli and Carey Needham are willing to be a part of a Building Committee for the project. Monsignor Mellone asked the council to suggest any other parishioners that might be interested in serving on this committee.

Monsignor is waiting for the flooring contractor (Mark Dubin) to provide a proposal to install the new carpet that was in storage at the center aisle of the nave and to repair the carpet edges where they are frayed. Patrick Son asked if this work is part of the capital campaign or not. Monsignor said that he is treating the carpet repairs are not part of the capital campaign, but would be paid for out of general funds.

Anita Siegfriedt asked if there are any contractors or vendors that might be willing to contribute gifts in kind to our project. Magnolia Plumbing recently helped with the renovation of the restrooms at St. Anne.

### **Mission Statement**

Each Pastoral Council member each contributed their thoughts as to what two things we do best as a parish. The goal is to start a discussion with staff, ministry leaders, and eventually the whole parish to update and refine our mission statement.

The list of items is included as Figure 1 below.

Tom Neale asked if we need to update our sign, perhaps with an electronic sign that could be more frequently updated. Mary Lynne Beebe asked if our signs along Massachusetts Avenue are prominent enough. Art mentioned that those signs might be lit in the future.

### **Annunciation Catholic School**

Monsignor Mellone gave the Council an update on our school. The new School Board has been meeting. There is a plan to create a Maker's Space lab that will help with the school's STREAM program (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts, and Math). The Spanish program will now be daily instead of once a week. The school is applying for a grant from KaBOOM for the construction of a new playground for the younger children.

Anita asked if it would make sense to open this maker's space lab to the community on certain occasions.

### **Stewardship & Ministries**

Monsignor let the council know that the parish has been offering assistance to those affected by the government shutdown by providing funds from the social concerns budget for rent and utility assistance on a case by case basis.

### **New Business**

Monsignor shared an analysis of the ages of our registered parishioners. This may help to be sure that we are reaching all of our parishioners as we plan events and ministries.

**Next Meeting**

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Conference Room.

The meeting at approximately 8:40pm.

Figure 1: Things we do well as a parish.

