

Annunciation Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
November 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Monsignor Mellone opened the meeting at 7:00pm and led the Council in an opening prayer.

Attendance

Present were Monsignor Mellone, Father Jack Berard, Patrick Son, John Gay, Mary Lynne Beebe, Joe Fiorillo, and Art Lohsen.

Council Members

The council welcomed a new member, Joe Fiorillo. Patrick Son announced that he and his family are moving to Maryland and will have to resign from the pastoral council.

Addition Project

Art Lohsen gave the council a report from the most recent building committee meeting, held on Thursday, October 10th.

Two firms, Bignell Watkins Hasser and DCI Architects, were interviewed on October 10th. The building committee decided unanimously to hire Bignell Watkins Hasser (BWH).

BWH has provided their draft contract, which has been reviewed by the parish and the Archdiocese of Washington. After a few minor edits, the final contract for design and engineering has been sent to the Archdiocese for signature by the Archbishop's representative.

The project schedule remains to complete the drawings in April 2020, begin construction in September 2020, and have the project complete in late spring of 2021. John Gay asked how the project would be phased to permit as much use of our parish hall during construction, and for special events, such as the Christmas Bazaar. Art Lohsen explained that will be reviewed with his design team and contractor.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner, which Annunciation is scheduled to host next year, may need to be relocated to Washington Hebrew Congregation or St. Albans, depending on the state of construction next fall.

Patrick Son asked about inspections during construction. Art explained that the architect and engineers for the project would be on call during construction, and that the parish would engage the services of an independent construction inspector as well. This is a typical practice.

Art suggested a parish event in January to update the parish on progress on the project.

Parish News

Art Lohsen gave the Council an overview of upcoming parish events.

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Monsignor reported that the Ministry Fair was successful, with a number of new volunteers willing to participate in our parish ministries. He suggested making this a twice yearly event, with another one in the spring.

The next Roth Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th.

New Business

The council had a discussion about pastoral planning, and what our next focal point should be. John Gay mentioned that music is a big part of our parish, and can be something that we highlight a bit more. The suggestion was made that we make an effort to welcome our visitors at the next Roth Concert. It was decided that Monsignor could make an introduction, welcoming everyone and mentioning how important music is to our worship as Catholics. Members of the pastoral council, and hopefully some other parish volunteers, will be on hand as greeters. We can extend an invitation to return for our Christmas Eve music (8-9pm on 12/24).

Joe Fiorillo suggested that we look into producing a video of the upcoming addition project, with a before and after images and a walkthrough so that our parishioners are able to understand the project in three dimensions. Art will discuss this with our design team.

John Gay mentioned that Annunciation should have a table set up at Glover Park Day in June. This is a community event that is an opportunity to invite our neighbors to join us. Joe Fiorillo has been part of the Glover Park Day committee for many years, and can help organize our participation. This might be a good opportunity for Annunciation Catholic School to do some outreach as well.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th at 7pm in the Conference Room.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:55pm with a blessing from Father Jack.