

Annunciation Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
December 17, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Monsignor Mellone opened the meeting at 7:05pm and led the Council in an opening prayer.

Attendance

Present were Monsignor Mellone, Ron Silvestri, John Gay, Anita Siegfriedt, Joe Fiorillo, Tom Neale, and Art Lohsen.

Addition Project

Art Lohsen gave the council a report on the elevator addition project.

Bignell Watkins Hasser (BWH), the architectural firm selected for the project, has submitted their contract draft to the Archdiocese of Washington for final approval and signature. BWH has responded to a few comments from the Archdiocese, and we expect the contract will be signed before the end of the year. The drawings will start in January.

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.

Art suggested that we schedule a presentation after weekend Masses to update our parishioners and show them some progress on the project. February 1st and Sunday February 2nd were selected. Art will work with BWH to organize those presentations.

Roth Concert Report

At last Sunday's Roth Concert, Monsignor Mellone said a few words of welcome to our guests, and members of the pastoral council were on hand as greeters and to pass our flyers about our church. This effort seems to have been appreciated. Monsignor said that two parishioners had mentioned that they thought it was a positive step. Tom Neale, a member of the Roth Committee, said that this should continue, as it was a way of honoring the Roth's legacy.

John Gay suggested that future Roth Concerts might have some sacred music. Art noted that we might want to have a few different types of handouts, as we don't want to keep giving returning visitors the same thing. Anita Siegfriedt suggested that other handouts might focus on some of the liturgical art in our church. Art volunteered to prepare something to hand out at the next Roth Concert in January.

Parish News

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

Bible Study (Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 7pm) continues to draw about 20 people to each session. These will start up again on January 7th and 8th after the Christmas break.

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Sunday, January 19th will be another Cup of Joe hospitality event after Mass. Pastoral council members were urged to attend and let other know about it.

The next Roth Concert is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th at 5pm.

New Business

The frequency of pastoral council meetings was discussed. In years past, the council had met quarterly, but in the last year has been meeting monthly. After discussion, the consensus was that continuing a monthly meeting schedule is appropriate and necessary.

Ron Silvestri suggested that we consider planning a parish Pizza Night of Spaghetti Dinner, for fellowship and as a fund-raising opportunity. It was suggested that the Feast of the Annunciation on Wednesday, March 25th would be a good occasion to celebrate with a parish dinner.

Monsignor informed the council that he had asked John Gay to take over as Chair of the pastoral council. Art Lohsen is leading the building committee and being the chair of both committees could be a conflict of interest as well as being a lot of work. Art would remain a part of the pastoral council. The rest of the pastoral council agreed with this, and thanked John for his willingness to serve as our new leader.

Monsignor then asked the council for input regarding a house owned by the parish that will be coming vacant when Monsignor Antonicelli moves to St. Patrick in February. The house is located at 3200 39th Street, NW. The council discussed several options, including selling the property; finding a use for it that would further our charitable ministry; or lease it at market rates. The council was asked to consider the options, talk to any resources they might have, and be prepared to give Monsignor our advice at the next pastoral council meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st at 7pm in the Conference Room.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:30pm with a prayer from Monsignor Mellone.