

Annunciation Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
July 23, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance

Present were Monsignor Mellone, Tom Neale, Mary Lynne Beebe, John Gay, Ron Silvestri, and Art Lohsen.

Renovation Project

Art Lohsen gave the Council a report from the first Building Committee meeting, held on Monday, July 22nd. The Building Committee consists of Msgr. Mellone, David Bagnoli (an architect from our parish), Carey Needham (chair of our Finance Council), and Art Lohsen (also an architect from our parish). Art has volunteered to chair the committee.

Preliminary budget estimates have been received from three contractors. One was \$2.2 million, another was \$1.7 million, and the third was \$800,000. The lowest budget was from a contractor that was recommended by the Archdiocese. This is just the construction cost, and the project budget will also include professional fees (architect, engineers, and consultants), permits, utility fees, and a contingency fund. The total project cost based on the lowest construction budget is likely to be about \$1.1 million.

The scope of the project includes the addition and elevator as well as the renovation of the restrooms on the Parish Hall level. It does not include any work in the church itself.

Msgr. Mellone reported that our current cash on hand from the capital campaign is \$752,822.

Art will meet with the Archdiocese to review the next steps, and the goal is to present the project to the Board of Consultors for approval to move forward on October 3rd.

Parish News

The church air conditioning failure was caused by a failed computer board, and the replacement was on its way.

Msgr. Mellone reported that Nicole Peltier-Lewis has been hired as the new principal for Annunciation Catholic School. Several new teachers will be part of the school this fall, with specialized teachers for math and social studies. Ms. Peltier-Lewis will have a focus on supporting teacher mentoring and development. And we have 14 new students who will be part of our school in the Fall!

Msgr. Mellone also let the council know that if we can provide enough volunteer labor to move the bazaar items from the basement to the parish hall, the parish would not have to hire a moving company to do it. Art will coordinate with Tina Lindberg to fine the required volunteers.

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Msgr. Mellone informed the council that the parish is planning a CPR training class for staff, ushers, and teachers.

There is also a speaker series being planned, with a monthly lecture on topics of interest to our parishioners.

Pastoral Planning

The council had a discussion on what our next short-term pastoral planning goals should be. One suggestion was to focus on finding 5 new volunteers from our parish. Another was to see how we can participate in our religious education and RCIA programs.

New Business

There will be a parish yard sale on September 14th. A paper shredding truck will be on site as well.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th, at 7pm in the Conference Room.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:10pm with a blessing from Msgr. Mellone.