

Annunciation Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
August 27, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance

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

Parish News

Monsignor Mellone announced that the church air conditioning has been repaired, and that Masses will once again be celebrated in the church. Thanks to those who worked to repair the system and for the patience of our parishioners!

Classes have begun at Annunciation Catholic School. Robert Simmons, whose daughter is an ACS student, reported that things seem very positive with the new principal. Monsignor did inform the council that enrollment is currently 116, down from the 126 students that had been anticipated. There remains a strong focus on recruiting new students.

The Unity Walk will be held on Sunday, September 8th. Pastoral council members were asked to volunteer to tour visitors around our church.

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

The Blessing of the Pets will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 10am. The council suggested that we advertise this event with flyers in the local pet stores and veterinary offices.

Addition Project

Art Lohsen gave the Council a report from the second Building Committee meeting, held on Monday, August 26th.

A Request For Proposal (RFP) letter was sent to the 5 architectural firms that the Archdiocese has recommended. Art and Monsignor will tour representatives from these firms around the site on Friday, September 6th. Proposals from these firms are due on September 20th. Monsignor will present the project to the College of Consultors at the Archdiocese for permission to move forward on October 3rd.

The council noted that the Building Committee should give thought as to how the project will be organized and schedule so that it minimizes the disruption to the school and to parish events, such as the Christmas Bazaar. Tom Neale asked if it would be possible to update the finishes in the Parish Hall as part of this project.

New Pastoral Council Members

The council discussed the nomination of new members, with each member suggesting one or more names. Monsignor Mellone will take these names under consideration and reach out to several in the near future to ask them to join the pastoral council.

New Business

The Marian garden was discussed. A resin statue of Our Lady of the Annunciation has been found that will be suitable to installation outdoors. The benches that were donated by the Boy Scouts will be secured in place in the next few weeks. The council suggested that additional landscaping or urns for flowers be considered, and it was decided to postpone any recommendations on that until the benches and statue are in place. It was noted that we might have a special event to dedicate the garden and/or do something there on the feast of the Annunciation (March 25th).

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be scheduled for the end of September.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:55pm with a blessing from Msgr. Mellone.