

Annunciation Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
September 26, 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, John Gay, and Art Lohsen.

Addition Project

Art Lohsen gave the Council a report from the most recent Building Committee meeting, held on Monday, September 23rd.

A Request For Proposal (RFP) letter was sent to the 5 architectural firms that the Archdiocese has recommended. Responses were received from 4 firms (one declined because they were too busy with their current projects). The committee evaluated the 4 proposals based on qualifications, scope, and proposed fee. Two firms, Bignell Watkins Hasser and DCI Architects, were short listed for interviews to be held on October 10th.

The project schedule remains on track to select a design team in October, begin the design process in November, and have drawings ready to submit for a building permit next April. Depending on factors such as the length of time required for the City to issue a permit, the final construction cost, and when the parish will have sufficient funds in place, we might anticipate a completion date in Spring of 2021.

Monsignor Mellone will be sending out letters to parishioners asking for their ongoing support for the capital campaign. Art offered to make a presentation to the parish so that everyone is aware that the project is moving forward.

Parish News

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

Monsignor Mellone gave the Council copies of the parish annual financial report, which will be included in this Sunday's bulletin.

Monsignor also reported that things seem to be going well at Annunciation Catholic School. Despite enrollment being about 10 students less than had been hoped, morale among teachers, parents, and students is high. Representatives of some of the local Catholic high schools recently toured the school, and came away impressed. The school is starting to participate in CYO athletics and has established a new school band.

The new Marian Garden will be dedicated on Sunday, October 13th, immediately after the 10:30am Mass.

New Pastoral Council Members

Monsignor announced that Joe Fiorello has accepted his invitation to join the Pastoral Council, and will attend our next meeting.

New Business

Anita asked where the pastoral planning process stands. John Gay and Art will prepare an email for the council to suggest a few options for our next short-term task(s) for the council to discuss at our next meeting.

Monsignor mentioned that there would be a ministry fair in November.

The Council discussed ways in which we can encourage our fellow parishioners to connect through ministry opportunities. Anita suggested that Monsignor consider hosting semi-annual parish Town Hall meetings, as the meetings held earlier this year seemed positively received. The new Speaker Series after Mass on Sunday could be a venue to engage parishioners as well, with speakers or events focused on what is going on in the Church, our school (“Meet the New Principal”), or adult religious education.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th at 7pm in the Conference Room.

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