

St. Mel Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2024

Members Present:

Fr. Adam Zajac, Pastor

Natale Badillo

Bill Gerken, Parish Secretary

Rob Cahill

Patrick Kerrigan

Susan Mitchell

Agenda items discussed:

➤ Fish Fry update:

The St. Mel Fish Fry was a huge success! We had 226 dine-in orders and 119 takeout orders. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who made the St. Mel Fish Fry a success!!!

➤ Sound system issues and modifications:

There may be a need to replace a panel on the sound system, due to some issues with malfunctioning (the system “running hot” at times, “popping” sounds with some of the microphones). Other additional repairs or updates may also need to be done once the sound system is examined.

➤ Deacon Dave:

Vespers, wake, and funeral services were held for Deacon Dave. The services were held at St. Mark, and the post-service luncheon was held at St. Mel Hall. Please continue to keep Deacon Dave, his family, and our church communities at St. Mark and St. Mel in prayer as we experience this period of grief together.

➤ Pastoral Council Elections:

There will be three pastoral council seats that will become vacant within the next few months, due to the service terms of three council members ending in 2024. Within the next few weeks, Fr. Adam will be accepting nominations for potential new members to fill the three vacancies. Everyone is welcome to nominate someone or to self-nominate for the three vacant positions.

Once the opening for nominations is announced, please share the names for your new nominations with Fr. Adam, current Pastoral Council members, or by calling the Parish office to submit them.

Once the potential nominees have confirmed their interest, we will ask them to submit their picture with a short introductory statement (just a few sentences about themselves) so that others in the parish can get to know them and “connect a name with a familiar face”. This will most likely happen during the next few weeks. Pastoral Council elections will be during the month of May.

After the new members have been elected, we will likely have a joint Pastoral Council meeting this summer to say farewell to outgoing members and welcome the newly elected members.

➤ Information regarding Hall Rental:

The St. Mel Hall is available for rental. Catering options through St. Mel Hall are also available for your events, but it is also acceptable to rent the hall and utilize your own catering options. Please feel free to call the parish office during regular business hours for more detailed information.

Thank you everyone, as always, for all of your input regarding our St. Mel community! All are welcome to attend Pastoral Council meetings to listen to the topics and listen to the discussion at the Pastoral Council meetings. Meetings are typically held every other month on Thursdays at 7:00 pm, and are announced in advance.

At the meetings, guests are encouraged to attend, listen, and write down questions during the meeting time, but discussion/ conversation during the meeting is limited to Pastoral Council members, as our time frame for meetings is very short (7-8 pm) and we typically have a lot of information to get through each meeting.

We will, however, follow up with more information in conjunction with Fr. Adam and the St. Pastoral office as needed to address additional/ extended questions or concerns.

- Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday May 9th , 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Pastoral Council meeting dates:

- Summer Pastoral Council Meeting (for new and existing Pastoral Council members)—to be announced at a later date