

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
August 18, 2016**

**Those present:** Margaret Brosko, Fr. Lawrence Ezike, Carollynn Hall, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Leslie Smart, Morgan Sprigler, Eric Thorne, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael Wimsatt, and Tom Zimmerman.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Council Chair Leslie Smart called the meeting to order, and Don Kavanaugh led the council in the opening prayer.

**II. Review of Minutes**

The June 23, 2016 Parish Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**III. Administration/Finance Report**

Finance Representative Tom Zimmerman reported that the Cathedral's 2015-2016 Fiscal Year ended \$31,000 in the black. The 2016 FeedMyNeighbor LetsDanceLouisville event netted \$131,000 for our daily lunch program.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- (a) Formation – Carollynn Hall – Michael Cirone will continue with the Cathedral Catholic Book Club even though he has moved to Berea.
- (b) Parish Life – George Kaissieh – Well attended (170) fun time at Slugger Field for Feastday Fest on August 6. First Sunday of the month coffee and donuts will begin after 9:30 Mass in September.
- (c) Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp – Would like the Council to enter into discussion around the idea of the Cathedral becoming a “gun free zone.”
- (d) Stewardship – Margaret Brosko – Stewardship will work with team implementing the parish online directory. January 2017 will be when promotion of our Stewardship campaign for the coming year begins.
- (e) Worship – Paul Najjar – Add Memorial Day noon Mass in 2017; revisit Masses on the holidays of Fourth of July and Labor Day later.

**Special Project Reports: Current Activity and Discussion**

- (a) Feed My Neighbor – Don Kavanaugh – The FMN Committee delivered a wonderful LetsDanceLouisville event that raised significant funds for our daily lunch program and rallied amazing community involvement and support.
- (b) Parish Directory – Eric Thorne, Morgan Sprigler – Team is still information gathering for the online directory project.

## **V. New Business**

### **(a) Terms of Office for Council Members**

Vice-Chair Don Kavanaugh was elected by acclamation to another term for that office.

Leslie Smart distributed a working list of council members with dates of installation on council, terms served, etc. Members were asked to look over the information for accuracy. It is believed that all positions may be open with the installation of a new pastor/administrator since the council advises him. More discussion will follow at future meetings.

### **(b) Opportunities for Parish**

Plusses:

- Fr. Ron Knott will be helping out with some weekday and weekend Masses at the Cathedral.
- The Cathedral has been welcoming back some former parishioners. The Cathedral receives many visitors who are in Louisville for vacation and conventions; most express how welcoming the Cathedral is and how beautiful the liturgies are.

Challenges:

- Sound system, though much better, still poses difficulties for some. Hearing devices are available from Hospitality Ministers. This needs to be mentioned in the bulletin.
- Parents watching children in nursery are grateful for audio of Mass but would appreciate video as well.
- Communication, both within the parish and the parish to the greater community, will remain a challenge we will continue to work to improve in many ways. Members will report back at next meeting how Cathedral information can be disseminated not just in downtown area, but at airport, visitor kiosks, outlying hotels, etc.
- Paul Najjar suggested the Parish Council again be present at weekend Masses to meet with parishioners and discuss issues of importance to them.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned before 7 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 5:30 pm, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the parish office building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Wiggins, Secretary