

**Cathedral of the Assumption
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
February 19, 2015**

Those present: Carollynn Hall, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Paul Kelty, Jack Lydon, Vicki Maruca, Brenda McWaters, Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Leslie Smart, Eric Thorne, Angela Wiggins, Tom Zimmerman.

I. Opening Prayer

Leslie Smart called the meeting to order, and George Kaissieh led the group in an opening prayer.

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the January 29, 2015 parish council meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Election of Parish Council Chair

Leslie Smart was elected unanimously by the council to the office of Chair.

IV. Administration / Finance Report

Administration and Finance Representative Tom Zimmerman reported the Cathedral is currently operating in the black.

(a) Proposal to include a hard copy report

PCAL (Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Louisville -consultative body to Archbishop Kurtz comprised of parish pastoral council chairpersons. This Council provides a forum for leadership and communication, and links parishes with one another and within the archdiocese) has recommended that a hard copy of finance reports be submitted monthly to parish councils. Mr. Zimmerman will work on the format for his committee to report.

V. Committee Reports: Current Activity and Discussion

Social Concerns

Fr. Nicolas

1) We will again apply for a Metro Grant for our ID program, but we will not apply for the grant for the lunch program. Last year's lunch grant netted \$6,500 and required a disproportionate number of hours of record keeping. The FeedMyNeighbor fund-raising will support the lunch program.

2) Also, there is a prayer box that has been placed in Sandefur Dining Room for lunch guests' intentions. They will be collected weekly to be included in our prayers of the faithful at weekend Masses.

Formation

Carollynn Hall

1) High School Youth Group and Confirmation class are offering Silhouette Stations of the Cross after 5:30 Mass on February 21. (Due to inclement weather, this happened on March 7).

2) Rite of Sending for RCIA was last Sunday. Tom Zimmerman remarked how impressive it is to see 17 people in RCIA process during 9:30 Mass. It is the largest number we have had at the Cathedral in years.

3) March retreat at St. Meinrad is coming up.

4) Fr. Tony Olges is offering Faith in Film on March 18.

Worship

Art and Environment has readied for Lent and is working on Holy Week and Easter.

Parish Life

Don Kavanaugh

- 1) Mr. Kavanaugh distributed a calendar of events.
- 2) This year's Feastday Fest will be on the Belle of Louisville.
- 3) The Parish Life Committee will host the reception for Advent Lessons and Carols. The committee will also oversee a subcommittee that will organize the annual Spring Fling Thing.

VI. Old Business

- (a) Member at Large Recruitment Team
Eric Thorne and Paul Kelty will work with Father Jeff and Angela Wiggins on devising a process for recruiting candidates for At Large positions on parish council.
- (b) Leslie Smart reported that Jazz Night is February 28 at the Seelbach to reveal the cast of dancers for this year's LetsDanceLouisville fundraiser for the Cathedral's daily lunch program.
- (c) Leslie Smart reported that the dedication of the Mother Catherine Spalding Statue will be July 26. The committee is looking for an honorary chair for this event. Fundraising is ongoing for the maintenance and educational component of this project.

VII. New Business

- (a) Candidates nominated for Vice Chair
Our former Vice Chair, Leslie Smart, was elected as Council Chair, leaving the office of Vice Chair vacant. Nominees submitted for that position are Don Kavanaugh and Margaret Brosko. Both nominees are willing to serve in that office if elected. The election of Vice Chair will take place at the March meeting.

VIII. Pastor's Report

In addition to ongoing Formation offerings at the Cathedral, Father Nicolas and the Formation Committee will be planning two parish-wide formation events/year; one in the spring and one in the fall. These events would attract a larger number of people for a single event than our ongoing programs do. The Jazz Psalms that we hosted last fall would serve as a good example of the type of far-reaching appeal future offerings should have.

Discipleship Center in back of church – when the area is created in the near future, parish council members will use that space after weekend Masses for interaction with and feedback, questions and suggestions from the congregation.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 pm on the 2nd floor of the parish office building.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiggins, Secretary