

**CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION
PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2015, CATHEDRAL UNDERCROFT**

Those present: Margaret Brosko, Carollynn Hall, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Paul Kelty, Jack Lydon, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Rick O'Daniel-Munger, Eric Thorne, Angela Wiggins, Tom Zimmerman, Deacon Chris McDonell, and Dottie Wyman.

I. Opening Prayer

Outgoing Chair Rick O'Daniel-Munger led the opening prayer. He was toasted by the council and thanked for his years of service and leadership.

II. Review of Minutes

The December Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Administration/Finance Report

Finance Representative Tom Zimmerman reported that we are currently \$68,000 in the black. Next year's budget is in process. He again mentioned that staff members have been very mindful of the budget in their planning and execution of their ministries and programs.

He also reported on the new meeting space on the second floor of the parish office building, calling it one of the most beautiful meeting spaces in downtown Louisville that should be great for years to come. It is a month away from opening. (This project was funded from our last capital campaign.)

The Mother Catherine Spalding Statue is expected to be unveiled in July. (A portion of this project was also funded from our last capital campaign. The rest of the funds were raised by the Mother Catherine Spalding Statue Committee. This will be the first statue of a woman in public space in the state of Kentucky.)

IV. Committee Reports

Formation

Fr. Springman's Lenten Session has been cancelled because of his health.

Fr. Tony Olges will host a "faith in film" night in March.

Youth Group and Confirmation Class are planning Silhouette Stations of the Cross on Saturday, February 21, at 7 pm in the Cathedral.

Social Concerns

The committee hosted three conversations in January that were well attended. The topics were: Immigration; Repeal of Death Penalty; Poverty in the areas of Payday Lending and Healthcare.

Parish Life

Will meet this Sunday to decide on venue for this year's Feastday Fest in August. (It has been decided – Belle of Louisville, August 15.)

Worship

The Christmas season is over and all are in preparation for Lent. Paul Najjar will continue to serve as Worship Committee's Representative to Parish Council for the next three years.

V. Old Business - Status of "The Seven" and "Investing in the Parish"

Margaret Brosko presented the names of the seven parishioners who had been suggested by the council to be part of "The Seven." There are three from parish council - Margaret Brosko, Brenda McWaters, Leslie Smart; and four from the parish at large - Sharon Mattingly, Mike Swearingen, Cissie Willets, and Jim Conner. Ms. Brosko reported that all seven parishioners are willing and up to the task. It was the consensus of the council to accept those proposed to serve as "The Seven." Father Nicolas will contact the members and convene the group.

VI. New Business - Consensus concerning the new Council Chair

Father Nicolas came with a proposed plan for selecting Chair and Vice-Chair that complies with our current constitution and by-laws. This will become part of our regular procedure.

Father Nicolas reported that Vice-Chair Leslie Smart is willing to serve as the Chair. There were no other nominees that evening. A Chair will be selected at the February meeting. Nominations for Vice-Chair will also take place at the February meeting, and one will be selected at the March meeting.

VII. Pastor's Report

Father Nicolas shared more detail about the new meeting space on the second floor of the parish office. He had high praise for Cathedral Staff members Ken Garrett and Mike Clark for their work on the project. Chairs and tables have not yet been selected, but will be soon. The space should be ready for use in March. The new space has yet to be named.

The pilot project of the Catholic Charities outpost at the Cathedral will be a news story in The Record. Just since the Fall, Peggy McCarty and Scott Duke have had such a positive and personal impact on our daily lunch guests that goes well beyond connecting our guests with other programs and crucial assistance that could be of benefit to them. The team has also brought in representatives of other service agencies to meet with our lunch guests. Catholic Charities is looking toward expanding with other outposts because of the success of this pilot program.

Next month, Father Nicolas hopes to report on new Faith Formation initiatives at the Cathedral.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiggins, Secretary