

**Cathedral of the Assumption
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
June 23, 2016**

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

I. Opening Prayer

Council Chair Leslie Smart called the meeting to order and Margaret Brosko led the opening prayer. Ms. Smart welcomed Fr. Wimsatt to his first Cathedral Parish Council Meeting.

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the May 18, 2016 parish council meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Administration/Finance Report

Finance Representative Tom Zimmerman presented the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year budget for approval. He termed it a “realistic” budget. The council had been given a working draft of the budget in May and had been encouraged to study and call the Cathedral Business Manager or Mr. Zimmerman with any questions or suggestions in advance of this meeting. Don Kavanaugh moved to approve the budget. Brenda McWaters seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously by consensus of the Council. Leslie Smart thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work and diligence in preparing the budget.

IV. Committee Reports: Current Activity and Discussion

Formation – Carollynn Hall

- Michael Cirone, who has led the Cathedral Book Club and Scripture Studies is moving to Berea, Kentucky. The last scheduled book club meeting will include a farewell thank you to Michael.
- July 9 is meeting date for Catechists for coming Religious Education calendar year.
- George Kaissieh reported that there are already five people planning to go through RCIA in the coming year.

Parish Life – George Kaissieh

- Congratulations to Don Kavanaugh who has been named to the Board of Directors of St. John Center.
- The farewell party for Fr. Jeff was a wonderful event with close to 200 people attending.
- The weekend of July 9/10, there will be receptions after all Masses to welcome Fr. Michael.
- Feastday Fest at Slugger Field is scheduled for August 6. It will be publicized in bulletin, on web, and Constant Contact.

Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp submitted written report of possible events for coming year, synopsis of quarterly meeting held the week before, a photo of the Cathedral's June Repair Affair Team project, and requesting a time in near future to meet with Fr. Wimsatt about Social Concerns.

Stewardship – Margaret Brosko

The Stewardship Committee did not meet this month. Next project will be working on ways to further involve the downtown community with the Cathedral.

Worship – Paul Najjar

The Worship Committee does not meet in June or July. It is hoped that there can be a Liturgical Ministry Retreat Day in coming year. Leslie Smart also expressed her hope for one that involves an education component.

Special Project Reports: Current Activity and Discussion

Feed My Neighbor – Don Kavanaugh

The event is this Saturday. There are many good signs that this will be a success both financially and involving the community in the good work of our daily lunch program. Teddy Abrams, Director of the Louisville Orchestra, has composed music tribute for this event and will perform it on Saturday. Donated items for the auction exceeded expectations. Bid Pal program is being used which should simplify and streamline many aspects of event. WAVE 3 is seriously considering adopting this event as their annual community fund-raising project.

V. New Business

Leslie Smart had some very good news to share with Fr. Lawrence regarding access to medical supplies that he can take back home when he leaves for Nigeria.

VI. Old Business

(a) Parish Directory

Morgan Sprigler and Eric Thorne continue working on this project with a goal of kick-off at August 6 Feastday Fest.

VII. Pastor's Report

Fr. Wimsatt, on his first day as Administrator, thanked all for the warm welcome he has received. He invited the council as individuals or as a group, to share with him hopes and aspirations for the parish. He said he even welcomed discussion of uncomfortable subjects, provided all is spoken in charity. Although this is his first parish leadership assignment, Father admitted he is a hard worker and a fast learner and looked forward to serving here.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned shortly before 7 pm. There will not be a July council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiggins, Secretary