

**Cathedral of the Assumption
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
October 15, 2014 Minutes**

Those present: Margaret Brosko,Carolynn Hall, George Kaissieh, Paul Kelty, Barby Knebelkamp, Vicki Maruca, Deacon Chris McDonell, Paul Najjar, Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Rick O’Daniel-Munger, John Smart, Leslie Smart, Angela Wiggins, Tom Zimmerman.

I. Opening Prayer

Council Chair Rick O’Daniel-Munger called the meeting to order and led the group in a blessing for our newest council member, Stewardship Chair Margaret Brosko.

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the September 18, 2014 Parish Pastoral Council meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Administration/Finance Report

Finance Representative Tom Zimmerman reported that as of September 30, we were operating \$20,000 in the red, but that the committee is hopeful for a future in the black.

The Cathedral has received funds from the estate of parishioner Martha Voll, which will be divided among the fund for the poor, our sister parish in Haiti, and the Cathedral’s general fund.

IV. Feedback - Council Reps at the Back of Church

- a. Continued discussion concerning Council Reps, process and the Discipleship Center. Finalization of a decision awaits the following:
 - The Communication CSF group will be meeting to deliberate on this in the next few weeks and will report back at the November meeting.

V. Committee Reports

Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp and Brenda McWaters are attending a planning meeting in November for Catholics at the Capitol.

Stewardship – Margaret Brosko reported that the New Members Gathering at the Residence in September went well and that completed 2015 Stewardship forms are due by the weekend of November 1 /2. Leslie Smart asked for a report of active members of committees.

VI. New Business

- a. Review of Terms of Office – Council Members status

Council members were given a sheet giving terms of office for all current members. Rick O'Daniel-Munger will review the process for replacing at-large members and report back to the group at the November meeting.

VII. Pastor's Report

Fr. Jeff Nicolas has been leading a group of around fifteen active parishioners around the theme of Intentional Discipleship, and he reports that the process has been personally invigorating and thought provoking. From this process and from prayer regarding the finances of the parish, Father distributed copies of a proposal he asked the council to consider. He suggests that an ad hoc committee, a group of seven committed parishioners (recommended by Parish Council and the Administration and Finance committees), gather around the idea of promoting parishioner investment in our parish – as a peer group. Council members were favorable to the idea, provided that Father Nicolas also be a part of the group. There will be further discussion at the November meeting.

Father Nicolas and Leslie Smart reported on the Mother Catherine Spalding Statue project. Over \$100,000 has been donated, and there are thousands of dollars in asks still out. Funds in hand will cover the cost of artist Raymond Graf's creation of the bronze statue. Parishioner Donna Neary is working on the paperwork necessary for presentation to COPA (Council on Public Art), the Landmark Commission, and the Historic Preservation Commission that must be completed before installing the statue on Fifth Street. She is also working on an education piece (History Pen) around the statue for 4th grade students in the state of Kentucky.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 20, at 5:30 pm, in the Cathedral Undercroft.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiggins, Secretary