

**August 21, 2014 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Cathedral of the Assumption**

Those present: Carollynn Hall, George Kaissieh Don Kavanaugh, Paul Kelty, Jack Lydon, Vicki Maruca, Paul Najjar, Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Rick O'Daniel-Munger, John Smart, Leslie Smart, Eric Thorne, Angela Wiggins, Tom Zimmerman.

I. Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by Rick O'Daniel-Munger, and Paul Najjar led the group in the opening prayer.

II. Review of Minutes

The June 2014 parish council meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Administration/Finance Report

Tom Zimmerman, Administration and Finance Representative reported that the 2013-2014 fiscal year ended \$51,000 in the black.

Fr. Nicolas and the Stewardship Committee are poised to promote parishioner investment in the parish. Father will have a 5-part tithing message (via Constant Contact and bulletin inserts); and two weeks of preaching on stewardship. The Stewardship Committee will assist parishioners with discernment investment of time and talent. There will be continuing promotion of investment throughout the year.

IV. Feedback - Council Reps at the Back of Church

Paul Kelty

A suggestion that the Believe, Belong, Be Known logo be put on magnets for parishioners.

A question of when there will be a report of funds raised for Feed My Neighbor.

Vicki Maruca

A recommendation by Marsha Serdenis that the age restriction be eliminated for children attending Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday 9:30 Masses.

V. Committee Reports

Feed My Neighbor – Leslie Smart reported that the final financial report is not ready yet. All those who served this year on the committee plan to remain on the committee for the coming year's fund-raiser for the lunch program.

Stewardship – Representatives will have stewardship forms available in the back of church on September 20/21 and 27/28; will offer parishioner discernment opportunities the first two weekends in October.

Social Concerns – The metro grant of \$1600 for our state id voucher by itself allows for very limited assistance to those who have need of ids. Father Nicolas reported that an additional \$2000 in Social Concerns budget has been added to this account.

VI. New Business

- a. Beginning of the on-going discussion/development of additional details concerning the 2014-2015 plan that was begun at the July 26th Council/Staff Retreat

As a first step, Leslie Smart suggested “the power of one” concept be implemented within all committees. “The power of one” is the term discussed at the council/staff visioning day as a way of inviting a parishioner to consider a ministry which the inviter sees as a good fit in three ways: a match to the parishioner’s talents; meets a need for the common good of the parish through ministry; and enhances the parishioner’s personal relationship with Christ.

Father Nicolas challenged each council member to make a commitment to implement a “power of one” act before the September council meeting and report back then.

Paul Najjar suggested a reminder go out to council members on September 4 to keep us on track.

VII. Pastor’s Report

Father Nicolas joyfully reported that Fr. Tony Olges is now here on weekends.

Father attended this year’s CSA meeting at the Chancery. Last year, the Cathedral was in the top three parishes in giving. Our total given was \$109,000.

The pilot Catholic Charities outpost program begins in the next few weeks. A case worker and intern will be using Cathedral space – a second floor office and the use of our first floor social concerns outreach office when meeting with clients. The intern is a retired military man and a student at UofL Kent School of Social Work. He requested to do his internship here. He will be a presence a couple times each week with our daily lunch program guests. His main purpose will be to identify individuals who have the potential to become self-sustaining citizens and plug them into programs and assistance to get them to that next level. Down the road, interested Cathedral parishioners will receive training to companion those individuals as they progress.

Father Nicolas announced that adult formation programming will ramp up to attract the greater community to our offerings after the first of the year. After meeting with Michael Cirone and Therese Brennan, it was decided to call the program: *Your Cathedral Presents*. This fall’s offerings are being promoted in various effective ways while even more deliberate and planned attention will be given to rolling out *Your Cathedral Presents*.

Paul Kelty and Father Nicolas plan to give the same kind of intentionality to promoting artistic offerings at the Cathedral – Jazz Psalms, concerts, organ recitals, Louisville Master Chorale, etc.

The council and Father Nicolas want to give special recognition to the facilities and maintenance staff for the consistent good work going on while they are undertaking the major project of developing the large new meeting space in the parish office

building and responding the extra work involved when the first floor of the office building sustained major flood damage from a sprinkler system malfunction.

Leslie Smart and Father Nicolas reported on the fund-raising effort for the Mother Catherine Spalding Statue. Since the 1980s/90s renovation of the Cathedral, there have been hopes to honor Catherine Spalding in some fashion on our campus. This was also a proposed goal of our 2007 Building a Future of Hope Capital Campaign. From that fund, the committee had \$10,000 to begin work on the project. The complete cost for this effort is estimated at \$120,000 - \$90,000 for statue; \$30,000 for placement of statue on Fifth Street, maintenance, and formational programs about Mother Catherine. Funds are coming in. Father expressed his gratitude to Leslie Smart for her expertise and work with this committee.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 18, at 5:30 pm in the Cathedral Undercroft.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiggins, Secretary