

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2015**

**Those present:** Margaret Brosko, Carolynn Hall, Don Kavanaugh, Paul Kelty, Barbara Knebelkamp, Jack Lydon, Vicki Maruca, Fr. Jeff Nicolas, John Smart, Leslie Smart, Eric Thorne, Angela Wiggins, and Tom Zimmerman.

**I. Opening Prayer**

The meeting was called to order by council chair, Leslie Smart. She offered the council's best wishes to at-large member Vicki Maruca, who is leaving her position on the council. Ms. Maruca remains a Cathedral parishioner but will be working on her doctorate in New Hampshire for the next year. Vice-chair Don Kavanaugh led the group in an opening prayer.

**II. Review of May Meeting Minutes**

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

**III. Administration/Finance Report**

Tom Zimmerman presented the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget for the approval of the council. The council approved the budget unanimously.

Ms. Smart thanked Mr. Zimmerman, the Administration and Finance Committee, as well as Father Nicolas and the Cathedral Staff for their work on the budget.

**(a) Tithing Strategy Results**

The parish has been apprised of the financial situation in a variety of ways.

- Father Nicolas initially addressed the parish from the pulpit.
- Leslie Smart spoke at all Mass on one weekend, and received positive feedback.
- Letters from the council chair and vice chair were mailed to parishioners.

As of this meeting, 97 forms and responses have been received; they were all from current tithers; 73 planned to increase their giving; 22 planned to continue giving at the same level; and 2 planned to decrease their contributions. From those responses, giving for the coming year should increase by \$32,000.

Leslie Smart read a letter response from one household that addressed a variety of parish issues, financial and otherwise. Council members, in turn, weighed in on the questions and points of the letter for some very frank discussion. Ms. Smart will reach out to this family as well as to others who have responded to the appeal.

**IV. Committee Reports: Current Activity and Discussion**

Formation – Much planning for the coming year; Catholic Book Club forming.

Parish Life – Feastday Fest on Belle of Louisville, Saturday, August 15.  
Social Concerns – The Cathedral’s Repair Affair Team completed repairs at a home on Logan Street on June 13.  
Stewardship – Committee will not meet in July.

Special Project Reports: Current Activity and Discussion

Mother Catherine Spalding – Leslie Smart

The Commission on Public Art has given approval for the statue. The dedication is scheduled for Sunday, July 26.

Feed My Neighbor –Don Kavanaugh

LetsDanceLouisville is June 27. All is going as planned for a wonderful evening and successful fundraiser.

**VI. Old Business**

(a) Member at Large Recruitment

It was recommended that a notice go in the bulletin for six weeks, asking parishioners to consider nominating themselves for at-large positions on the council. Those interested will be invited to a discernment session. A nominating committee will then submit names to the council. Currently there are two vacancies. Names will be chosen by lot during a parish council meeting. Those names not chosen will remain in a pool to fill future vacancies when they occur.

**VIII. Pastor’s Report**

Fr. Nicolas reflected on what we are called to do as both parish and cathedral: to worship, welcome all, promote lifelong formation, reach out to the marginalized, embrace the unique role of a cathedral in the local Church and civic community, and be flexible to the needs and situations that are presented to us. In the coming year, that flexibility will allow us to join in a purposeful way into the Year of Mercy that Our Holy Father has initiated as well as breaking open in study and action Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 20, at 5:30 pm, in the Formation Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the parish office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Wiggins  
Secretary