

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Council Meeting  
October 20, 2016**

**Those present:**

Margaret Brosko, Mary Jane Choi, Carollynn Hall, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Jack Lydon, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Eric Thorne, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael Wimsatt.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Council Vice-Chair Don Kavanaugh called the meeting to order, and Fr. Wimsatt led the group in an opening prayer.

**II. Review Minutes**

The minutes of the September 15, 2016 council meeting were approved as submitted.

**III. Committee Reports**

(a) Finance

Sunday collections are somewhat below budgeted amount at this time, but not alarmingly so. Father reported that the Finance Committee notes that this coming Christmas and Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day) fall on Sundays, which may result in less income than years when those dates are on other days of the week than regular weekend liturgies.

(b) Formation

Carollynn Hall reported that Children's Formation and RCIA are underway for the year. An Adult Formation Task Force is working on programming for the year which will include book club, movie night, bible study, and other offerings. Fr. Ron Knott will give a parish mission at the Cathedral during the first full week of Lent.

(c) Parish Life

George Kaissieh reported that: Parish Life hosted Coffee and Doughnuts October 2; this year's Filipino Festival generated close to \$ 5000, money that goes to help minority students with tuition; next Thursday at 7:30 pm, the Archdiocese of Louisville will celebrate The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy with Psalms Reborn musical event, and the Parish Life Committee will host a reception following it.

(d) Social Concerns

Barby Knebelkamp reported that the Social Concerns Committee hosted a Faithful Citizenship Forum the night before, with presenters Mark Bouchard and Deacon Lucio Caruso of Catholic Charities and Jason Hall of Catholic Conference of Kentucky. The Committee is also working toward building an over-riding organizational grid of parish outreach.

(e) Stewardship

Margaret Brosko touched briefly on proposals for following up with new parishioners and the timeline of the coming stewardship campaign. The main business regarded the Cathedral in the Louisville community, getting Cathedral information to hotels and visitor centers. Father Wimsatt will contact the hotels by letter and council and stewardship members will follow up with visits and informational material. Council members signed up for hotels they will visit.

(f) Worship

Paul Najjar reported on the upcoming Ministry Day slated for November 12, and invited all to attend. On September 22, Archbishop Kurtz celebrated a Red Mass for those in the Legal Profession. October events included a White Mass for those in the Medical Profession, celebrated by Archbishop Kurtz, Psalms Reborn Event, Blessing of the Animals, the Rosary offered after all Masses October 7-9, Archdiocesan Celebration of Marriage Anniversary Mass.

Special Project Reports: Current Activity and Discussion

(a) Feed My Neighbor

Don Kavanaugh reported that that year's event netted \$131,902. The date for the coming year's event is June 17, 2017.

(b) Parish Directory

Eric Thorne reported that he and Morgan Sprigler are working on opportunities to take family photos and to help parishioners sign on to the new online directory at parish gatherings and in the back of church. They hope that First Sundays of Month Coffee and Donuts would be prime times to engage parishioners.

VII. Old Business

(a) Terms

Father Wimsatt has appointed to three-year terms to Parish Council: Paul Najjar as Worship Representative and George Kaissieh as Staff Representative..

(b) Parish Council Representation in the back of church – will we resume? More discussion will follow at later meetings. Representation of council and stewardship will be most helpful in January and February during this coming year's stewardship campaign.

VIII. Pastor's Report

Last weekend, the CSA video was shown at all Masses. Letters have gone out to parishioners from the Cathedral as well as from Archbishop Kurtz. *(Our parish target is \$123,300. Our current amount in gifts and pledges is \$82,929.)*

Father Wimsatt attended an Archdiocesan meeting where it was announced that there will not be a diocesan-wide capital campaign in the near future. However, the Cathedral will participate in a pilot program of the Archdiocese that will assist parishes in assessing their anticipated needs and planning for the next 5-7 years.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Wiggins, Secretary