

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Pastoral Council  
September 15, 2016**

**Those present:**

Margaret Brosko, Carollynn Hall, Albert Holmes, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Jack Lydon, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, John Smart, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael Wimsatt, Tom Zimmerman.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Council Vice Chair Don Kavanaugh called the meeting to order, and John Smart led the group in an opening prayer.

**II. Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 18, 2016 Parish Council meeting were approved as amended.

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

- (a) Administration and Finance – Tom Zimmerman – The Cathedral’s current financial situation is good, and we are operating within our budget.
- (b) Formation – Carollynn Hall – A sub-committee has been formed to develop adult formation offerings throughout the year; next month’s Cathedral Catholic Book Club selection is *Aindreas, the Messenger*, written by book club attendee and Cathedral parishioner Gerald McDaniel; RCIA for the year has begun; our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class will enter in the Rite of Enrollment at 9:30 Mass on Sunday, September 25.
- (c) Parish Life – The First Sunday Coffee and Donuts gathering in the Undercroft after 9:30 Mass on September 4 had about forty in attendance. The event also served as a welcome back for Fr. Ron Knott who is celebrating several Masses here between now and the end of the year.
- (d) Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp – The Cathedral is hosting a Faithful Citizenship Forum in the Undercroft on October 19. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Representatives from the Kentucky Catholic Conference and Catholic Charities will be leading the discussion. The Central Louisville Community Ministries Walk in the Park (Central Park) is September 17. Members of Social Concerns are also working on programming for the coming year.
- (e) Stewardship – Margaret Brosko – The committee plans to work with the team rolling out the parish online directory and with outreach to downtown hotels (both items are discussed in more detail below).
- (f) Worship – Paul Najjar – The committee would like to find a solution for saving parking in front of church for weekend Masses for the

handicapped and also ensure the handicap drop-off area remains open for that purpose. Two new lectors have just completed training. In observance of October as the month of the rosary, on the weekend of October 8/9, the rosary will be recited after all Masses in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There will be the blessing of the animals at 2 pm on October 2. Liturgical Ministry Day is slated for November 12, and Paul Najjar extended an invitation to Council members to attend. Archdiocesan events include the Red Mass (for those in the legal profession) on September 22 and the Wedding Anniversary Mass on October 23.

#### Special Project Reports: Current Activity and Discussion

- (a) FeedMyNeighbor –Don Kavanaugh – A thank you party for the dancers will be hosted in the Patterson Education Center on September 18.
- (b) Parish Directory – Don Kavanaugh reported on behalf of Eric Thorne and Morgan Sprigler that negotiations and information gathering with the host company are in process, and that we are nearing the date that the online program can be rolled out to the parish.

#### **VI. New Business**

Reaching the downtown community and visitors to our area: Council members last month volunteered to research and report back on hotels and visitor centers they would contact regarding what information about the Cathedral an out of town visitor was likely to learn by way of a hotel staff's knowledge, printed material, electronic information – Mass times, how to get to Cathedral, etc. In some instances, no information was available; in others, Mass times were readily available as well as directions for reaching us. However, from location to location, different media is in use. Margaret Brosko reported that the Convention and Visitors Bureau has contact information on all area hotels and that will be shared with the Council at the October meeting.

#### **VII. Old Business**

##### (a) Terms of Office

A continuing discussion of the terms of office of current council members resumed. Father Wimsatt reported after discussion with Vicar General for the Archdiocese, Fr. Mark Spalding, that in essence, a new pastor or administrator to a parish council marks a new beginning. Father Wimsatt will, by letter, make the appointments to the council of those members whose terms have been in question.

#### **VIII. Pastor's Report**

While Fr. Lawrence Ezike of Nigeria was serving for six months at the Cathedral, Supplies Over Seas (SOS) arranged for \$100,000 in medical equipment to be donated to Fr. Ezike's diocese of Nnewi. The cost for

sending these valuable supplies is \$12,500. By word of mouth, some funds have been raised, but not enough for the entire shipment to be released. An insert will be in this coming week's bulletin so parishioners will be able to join in this effort and hopefully expedite the shipment.

Parish Council calendar decision – no meeting in December.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20, at 5:30 pm, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Parish Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Wiggins, Secretary