

**Cathedral of the Assumption
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2015**

Those present: Margaret Brosko, Carollynn Hall, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Barbara Knebelkamp, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Angela Wiggins, Tom Zimmerman.

I. Opening Prayer

Vice-Chair Don Kavanaugh called the meeting to order and George Kaissieh led the group in an opening prayer.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Administration/Finance Report

Tom Zimmerman reported that our Sunday Offertory Collections are \$2500 in the red for this fiscal year, not unusual for the summer months when many parishioners are traveling.

Fr. Nicolas reported that The Group of Seven will have a representative at each weekend Mass at the end of September to speak on the financial state of the parish. He again spoke to our council of the “positives” – successful FeedMyNeighbor (\$133,000 raised for Daily Lunch Program), hard-working staff very conscious of budget, and collections steady for this time of year.

IV. Committee Reports: Current Activity and Discussion

Formation – Carollynn Hall

Adult Formation: The Cathedral Catholic book club is meeting monthly; the Bible Time 24-week course began last night; a Year of Mercy Morning of Reflection is scheduled for October 24; at least 6 people will participate in this year’s RCIA. Religious Education: around 40 children are enrolled.

Parish Life – Don Kavanaugh

Filipino Sunday is September 27; invited all to attend. An appreciation party for those who have served on the Parish Life Committee is being hosted in the Residence this Sunday.

Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp

Encouraged members to join in the neighborhood walk with Central Louisville Community Ministries on Saturday. The Cathedral and the Center for Interfaith Relations are participating in an energy audit of our campuses.

Stewardship – Margaret Brosko

The Cathedral is moving the start of our annual stewardship campaign from Fall 2015 to February 2016, in line the time frame the Archdiocese uses. A fall newsletter will have a stewardship theme. The Concierge Team is training new members to welcome parishioners to the Cathedral.

Worship – Paul Najjar

In addition to planning for the liturgical year, there is much planning for the Year of Mercy at the Cathedral.

VI. Old Business

- (a) At-Large Parish Council Member Discernment & Selection Process
There are currently 5 people who have expressed an interest in serving on Parish Council. The team to meet with nominees will consist of Leslie Smart, Don Kavanaugh and Fr. Jeff Nicolas. Nominees will be contacted to attend a discernment session.

VII. New Business

A council member asked about considering publishing a parish directory since our last one was done in 2010. Discussion followed about the desirability of having one versus the number of hours involved in producing one, whether a company is employed or if it is done in house.

VIII. Pastor's Report

Fr. Nicolas reported on Diocesan meetings he has attended regarding the Year of Mercy and shared some of the opportunities that will be offered at the Cathedral in preparation for and during the year.

Fr. Nicolas also discussed some of the effective evangelization practices ongoing in the diocese. He mentioned in particular the Pax Christi grouping of Germantown parishes and their outreach in their neighborhoods.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiggins, Secretary