

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 17, 2016**

**Those present:** Margaret Brosko, Carollynn Hall, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Jack Lydon, Vicki Maruca, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Leslie Smart, Morgan Sprigler, Angela Wiggins, and Fr. Michael Wimsatt.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Council Chair Leslie Smart called the meeting to order and welcomed new Parish Life Representative Vicki Maruca to the Council. Mrs. Smart thanked outgoing Formation Representative Carollynn Hall for her years of service. In January, Mary Jane Choi will come on board as the new Formation Representative.

Carollynn Hall led the group in an opening prayer.

**II. Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 20, 2016 council meeting were approved as submitted.

**III. Pastor's Report**

Fr. Michael Wimsatt reported that the Cathedral has raised \$90,000 of the \$123,000 goal for our parish for the Archdiocesan Catholic Services Appeal. One letter has already been sent to parishioners regarding this year's appeal; the second is going out soon.

There will not be a diocesan-wide capital campaign in 2017. On December 1, the Cathedral will begin participation in a diocesan-funded pilot project regarding parish planning for future needs.

The Center for Interfaith Relations announced the Dalia Lama will be in Louisville in April for this year's Festival of Faiths.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- (a) Formation – Carollynn Hall reported that upcoming events include Parables Scripture Study and, during Lent, a Parish Mission conducted by Fr. Ron Knott.
- (b) Parish Life – George Kaissieh reported that the Parish Life Committee will host, beginning in February, at least 4 more first Sunday coffee and donuts events between the morning weekend Masses; will host the reception following the December Advent Lessons and Carols; and that Jazz Psalms Service and Reception evening was a wonderful event, well-attended, with a good spirit.
- (c) Social Concerns – Angela Wiggins reported for Barby Knebelkamp that the group is making a concerted effort toward unification of all of the parish outreach to allows us to present them to the parish so there is ownership of what we do as a parish, easy access for those who wish to join in the good work, as well as easy

access for the committees to get the word out about activities and experience the support of the parish community.

- (d) Stewardship – Margaret Brosko reported on the upcoming stewardship campaign. Father Wimsatt will speak on Stewardship on January 21/22, and four parishioners will give lay witness talks at the four Masses on January 28/29, the weekend of the Stewardship Fair. Dates are being considered for a New Members Potluck. As part of our outreach to the local community, council members contacting area hotels will be given information packets for their calls to the hotels following Fr. Wimsatt’s letter being sent to the hotel managers and concierges.
- (e) Worship – Paul Najjar thanked Fr. Michael for an awesome Liturgical Ministry Day. He also reported that Advent Lessons and Carols are scheduled for December 9 and that in 2017, the 11 am Mass will be discontinued for Holy Days of Obligation. There will still be an 11 am Mass on Ash Wednesday.

#### Special Project Reports

- (a) Feed My Neighbor – Don Kavanaugh gave the date for 2017 LetsDanceLouisville: June 17, at the Marriott. There are thirty people who have expressed an interest in being dance contestants.
- (b) Parish Directory – was scheduled to roll out in October (has been changed to Stewardship Fair Weekend, January 28/29). Council members were encouraged to go online and upload their information in advance of the roll out date.

#### V. New Business

- (a) PCAL Meeting – Don Kavanaugh reported the main discussion was how we can grow the Church through communication. Council members were asked to take the same survey that was given at the PCAL meeting.
- (b) Grant Opportunity – Fr. Michael Wimsatt reported on an Eli Lilly grant opportunity for historic churches across America. He has spoken with someone at the foundation who assured him we qualify to apply and that replacement of our chairs and kneelers would be a valid request. Improvement of sound system may or may not be, but he encouraged Fr. Wimsatt to apply when the official invitation is received.

#### VI. Old Business

- (a) Terms and Appointment of Vicki Maurca, Parish Life Chair - After years of dedicated service as chair of Parish Life, Don Kavanaugh has stepped down. Vicki Maruca is the new chair and is appointed to a 3-year term as Parish Life Representative to Parish Council.
- (b) SOS Medical Supply Delivery to the Fr. Lawrence Ezike’s diocese in Nigeria – the total funds needed for the complete shipment have not been raised. There are still some “asks” out, but we may not be able to raise the entire amount. Fr. Wimsatt will be contacting Fr. Ezike to let him know where things currently stand.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 19, at 5:30 pm, in the Formation Room of the Parish Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Wiggins, Secretary