

**Cathedral of the Assumption
Parish Council Meeting
October 19, 2017**

Those present:

Patti Birk, Margaret Brosko, Mary Jane Choi, Maggie Cyphers, Albert Holmes, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Jack Lydon, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael Wimsatt, Tom Zimmerman.

I. Opening Prayer

Council Vice-Chair called the meeting to order, and George Kaissieh lead the group in an opening prayer.

II. Review of Minutes

The minutes of the September 21, 2017 Parish Council meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Pastor's Report

Last Sunday was Catholic Services Appeal Sunday at the Cathedral; Father Wimsatt's homily spoke to the effort. Parishioners received letters regarding the appeal from Archbishop Kurtz and from Fr. Wimsatt. Our parish goal for this year is \$147,900. (Last year we exceeded our goal of \$113,000.)

Fr. Wimsatt thanked Jack Lydon and Margaret Brosko for leading the effort for the Bologna Alley designation and unveiling from inception through completion.

The parish discernment final document will be mailed to the parish in newsletter format next week.

IV. Finance Report

Administration & Finance Chair Tom Zimmerman and Cathedral Business Manager Patti Birk presented quarterly financial information to the Council and entertained questions of the members regarding: balance sheet, a table of offertory collections over past five years, and operating income statement, and a statement of activity for FeedMyNeighbor/Kitchen budget.

As of the end of September, we are \$12,000 below amount budgeted for offertory collections (budgeted income of \$208,525; actual \$196,013).

We are in the process of adding a more user friendly donate option button on our website which has many other uses as well. This will be promoted with the coming stewardship campaign.

V. Committee Reports

- (a) Formation – Mary Jane Choi – Parables Scripture Study began at end of September and continues for 6 weeks on Tuesdays and Saturdays; the next two book club selections are “Silence” by Endo Shusaku (November 13) and “St. Francis of Assisi” by G. K. Chesterton (December 11); Parish Retreat scheduled for November 11, “Living in the Here and Now.” An online formation resource will be available for the parish in the new year. Several Adult Formation sessions will also be offered in 2018 (Catholicism 101).

- (b) Parish Life – George Kaissieh - Service of Remembrance for those who have lost a loved one during the past year will be on Sunday, November 5, after the noon Mass. On November 12, at regularly scheduled Coffee and Donuts, we are coordinating with Stewardship Committee to welcome new parishioners.

- (c) Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp – Will keep parish apprised via bulletin of pertinent issues to be addressed in Kentucky legislature this coming January.

- (d) Stewardship – Margaret Brosko – We are gearing up for January Stewardship Campaign; November newsletter will be year in review; January newsletter will focus on Stewardship and will include a stewardship form. Bishop Flaget Society Brunch is October 29. New Members Coffee and Donuts is November 12. Parish Council members are encouraged to attend and engage with new parishioners.

- (e) Worship – Paul Najjar – Recent and future events included Red Mass for legal profession and Filipino Festival in September; in October, a White Mass for medical community and Archdiocesan Anniversary in October, Catechetical Sunday, Rite of Enrollment for Confirmandi , Blessing of Animals. December 8 will be the date of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Special Project Reports

Feed My Neighbor –Don Kavanaugh – The net proceeds from this year’s event: \$132,011. Maggie Cyphers reported that next year’s event is scheduled for June 23 at the Marriott.

VI. Old Business

- (a) Notes for RICA – At next month’s meeting, cards will be circulated for council members to sign to be given to this year’s RCIA candidates and catechumens on the Sunday of November 26, the Rite of Acceptance.
- (b) Name Tags – Don Kavanaugh – Name badges for Council Members have been made and will be stored in the Vesting Room for members to wear when greeting people in the back of church and at other parish gatherings.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 16, at 6pm, in the Formation Room on the second floor of the parish office.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiggins, Secretary