

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 21, 2017**

**Those present:** Margaret Brosko, Mary Jane Choi, Albert Holmes, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Jack Lydon, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Leslie Smart, Morgan Sprigler, Eric Thorne, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael Wimsatt.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Council Chair Leslie Smart called the meeting to order, and Albert Holmes led the group in an opening prayer.

**II. Review of August Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the August 17, 2017 council meeting were approved as submitted.

**III. Pastor's Report**

Fr. Wimsatt reported that on the weekend of October 14/15, we will have the Catholic Services Appeal at all Masses. This year's goal for our parish is \$147,000. We will not show Archbishop Kurtz' video during Mass (lighting and sound in church is not conducive for parishioners to see and hear it well), but it will be available for viewing on the home page of our web site.

At a council meeting in the near future, we will be reviewing our constitution and bylaws to address inconsistencies, to look at Archdiocesan guidelines for parish councils, and to propose changes to reflect the particular structure needed for our Cathedral parish council.

The council will post in bulletin the dates of council meetings and make parish aware of accessibility of meeting minutes in pamphlet rack and on our web site.

Father reported the Fr. Lawrence is back home in Nigeria. A letter was sent by Fr. Wimsatt to Fr. Lawrence's Archbishop thanking him for allowing Fr. Lawrence to be here this past summer and to express our hope that he can return next summer and in the years ahead.

Father Wimsatt distributed the report on the recent parish discernment process. The report will be shared with the parish via October newsletter.

In October or November, an information sheet of known capital needs will be presented to the Council.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

- (a) Formation – Mary Jane Choi - Between 30 and 40 children and youth are enrolled in Religious Education at the Cathedral; 10-13 adults are discerning RCIA; Parables Scripture study is offered on Tuesdays and Saturdays; November 11 retreat for the parish will be hosted at the Cathedral, 10am-3 pm.
- (b) Parish Life - George Kaissieh - Dr. Paul Kelty will come on board as chair this Sunday; Filipino Festival this Sunday; Cathedral Golden Stars hosted an elder law presentation and are planning a Fall Outing to Huber Winery; Parish Health offered flu shots on September 10. Service of Remembrance is scheduled for November 5. Working with Stewardship on November 12 (Coffee and Donuts, welcome new members, photography offered for those wishing to participated in our online parish directory).
- (c) Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp - The Committee hosted two events on the topic of gun violence- a panel discussion and a movie.
- (d) Stewardship – Margaret Brosko – The Stewardship Committee is working on upcoming stewardship campaign and is working with Parish Life on planning the welcome to new members after 9:30 Mass on Sunday, November 12.
- (e) Worship – Paul Najjar – The Red Mass on September 8 was well attended by the Legal Community; a White Mass for the Medical Community is scheduled for October 22. Catechists were honored at Mass on September 17. Blessing of Animals will be at 2 pm on October 1. Rosary will be recited after all Masses October 7 and 8 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

#### **Special Project Reports**

- (a) Feed My Neighbor  
Leslie Smart reported that the steering committee for this program has nine of the original members as we completed our

5<sup>th</sup> year. Two goals are to have more parishioner involvement and more school students of the Archdiocese involved.

**V. New Business**

At the October meeting, we will have our first quarterly finance report in the new format from the business manager.

**VI. Old Business**

Margaret Brosko reported on behalf of Jack Lydon about the dedication of Bologna Alley on Monday, October 16, at 11:30 am.

Don Kavanaugh will work on name tags for Parish Council members to wear at weekend Masses to be a visible presence.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 19, at 6 pm in the Formation Room of the Parish Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Wiggins, Secretary