Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
August 18, 2016

Those present: Margaret Brosko, Fr. Lawrence Ezike, Carolynn Hall, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Leslie Smart, Morgan Sprigler, Eric Thorne, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael Wimsatt, and Tom Zimmerman.

I. Opening Prayer
   Council Chair Leslie Smart called the meeting to order, and Don Kavanaugh led the council in the opening prayer.

II. Review of Minutes
   The June 23, 2016 Parish Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Administration/Finance Report
   Finance Representative Tom Zimmerman reported that the Cathedral’s 2015-2016 Fiscal Year ended $31,000 in the black. The 2016 FeedMyNeighbor LetsDanceLouisville event netted $131,000 for our daily lunch program.

IV. Committee Reports
   (a) Formation – Carolynn Hall – Michael Cirone will continue with the Cathedral Catholic Book Club even though he has moved to Berea.
   (b) Parish Life – George Kaissieh – Well attended (170) fun time at Slugger Field for Feastday Fest on August 6. First Sunday of the month coffee and donuts will begin after 9:30 Mass in September.
   (c) Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp – Would like the Council to enter into discussion around the idea of the Cathedral becoming a “gun free zone.”
   (d) Stewardship – Margaret Brosko – Stewardship will work with team implementing the parish online directory. January 2017 will be when promotion of our Stewardship campaign for the coming year begins.
   (e) Worship – Paul Najjar – Add Memorial Day noon Mass in 2017; revisit Masses on the holidays of Fourth of July and Labor Day later.

Special Project Reports: Current Activity and Discussion
   (a) Feed My Neighbor – Don Kavanaugh – The FMN Committee delivered a wonderful LetsDanceLouisville event that raised significant funds for our daily lunch program and rallied amazing community involvement and support.
   (b) Parish Directory – Eric Thorne, Morgan Sprigler – Team is still information gathering for the online directory project.
V. New Business
   (a) Terms of Office for Council Members
   Vice-Chair Don Kavanaugh was elected by acclamation to another
term for that office.
Leslie Smart distributed a working list of council members with dates
of installation on council, terms served, etc. Members were asked to
look over the information for accuracy. It is believed that all positions
may be open with the installation of a new pastor/administrator since
the council advises him. More discussion will follow at future
meetings.
   (b) Opportunities for Parish
   Plusses:
   • Fr. Ron Knott will be helping out with some weekday and
     weekend Masses at the Cathedral.
   • The Cathedral has been welcoming back some former
     parishioners. The Cathedral receives many visitors who are in
     Louisville for vacation and conventions; most express how
     welcoming the Cathedral is and how beautiful the liturgies are.
   Challenges:
   • Sound system, though much better, still poses difficulties for
     some. Hearing devices are available from Hospitality
     Ministers. This needs to be mentioned in the bulletin.
   • Parents watching children in nursery are grateful for audio of
     Mass but would appreciate video as well.
   • Communication, both within the parish and the parish to the
     greater community, will remain a challenge we will continue to
     work to improve in many ways. Members will report back at
     next meeting how Cathedral information can be disseminated
     not just in downtown area, but at airport, visitor kiosks,
     outlying hotels, etc.
   • Paul Najjar suggested the Parish Council again be present at
     weekend Masses to meet with parishioners and discuss issues
     of importance to them.

IX. Adjournment
   The meeting adjourned before 7 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday,
   September 15, 2016, at 5:30 pm, on the 2nd floor of the parish office building.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Wiggins, Secretary