

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 18, 2018**

**Those present:**

Margaret Brosko, Carollynn Hall, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Jack Lydon, Brenda McWaters, Deacon Chris McDonell, John Smart, Morgan Sprigler, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael Wimsatt, and parishioner Jackie Lydon.

**I. Opening Prayer**

Vice-Chair called the meeting to order. Fr. Michael Wimsatt led the group in an opening prayer and thanked Don Kavanaugh for graciously opening up his home for the Council's Christmas pot-luck gathering.

**II. Review of Minutes**

The November 2017 parish council meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**III. Pastor's Report**

Father Wimsatt related that the parish had a great Advent and Christmas season, the church looked beautiful, there was good attendance, and that we are off to a good start in the New Year.

The monthly Sunday Adult Formation with Coffee and Donuts started off last Sunday with Archbishop Kurtz's teaching on morality. In February, Fr. Wimsatt will talk on St. Ignatius Loyola's Daily Examen.

On January 12, the medical supply container reached Nigeria and the contents had been released. Notes of thanks have been received from Fr. Lawrence Ezike.

This Sunday, Fr. Wimsatt's homily will be on Stewardship; the following weekend will be the Stewardship Fair.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- Formation – Carollynn Hall reported in Mary Jane Choi's absence. The Gospel of Mark scripture study led by Michael Cirone will be offered beginning February 21, for ten Wednesdays. In RCIA the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election will take place on February 18. Associate Level Catechist Training classes will be offered by Joan Huber and Mary Jane Choi at the Cathedral this year.
- Parish Life – Don Kavanaugh reported in George Kaissieh's absence. On January 11, Parish Life hosted the reception for Bishop Elect Mark Spalding after Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral. Since the last

council meeting there have been two bereavement meals and the annual gathering of the Prayer Ministry group. Golden Stars has had several events with more planned for the coming months. Parish Life is gearing up for hospitality for the Stewardship Fair.

- Social Concerns – Barby Knebelkamp thanked Jackie Lydon, Julia Barker, and Molly Chesney for their leadership with the holiday charitable collections for the homeless, children with parents in prison, students of Nativity Academy, and the Christmas party for our lunch guests. She encouraged anyone who can attend to sign up for Catholics at the Capitol on February 13.
- Stewardship – Margaret Brosko reported that the committee is in preparation for the Stewardship Fair. The workshop scheduled for January 13 was cancelled due to bad weather, but hopefully soon after the Fair, we will plan a gathering of all parish committee leaders to ensure that we make good connections and ministry experiences with parishioners who wish to serve.
- Worship – Paul Najjar was absent, but the report submitted to the council touched on the past Advent and Christmas Season, Blessing of the Child in the Womb, upcoming blessing of throats, anointing of the sick, and Lent.

John Smart remarked how beautifully the church was decorated for Christmas and how it lent to, rather than overpowered, our worship. He had guests attending with him who felt the same.

#### Special Project Reports

- FeedMyNeighbor - Don Kavanaugh said many good things are already happening for this year's event. One area that would welcome more help and donations is the Silent Auction portion. Karen Shore is heading up this component.

#### **V. New Business**

Please consider attending the January 19 Choir Trip Fundraiser Evan Williams Experience.

St. John Center Raisin' the Rent event is March 3 at the Mellwood Center.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 15, at 6 pm, in the Formation Room in the Parish Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Wiggins, Secretary