Cathedral of the Assumption
Parish Council Meeting
May 17, 2018

Those present: Mary Jane Choi, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Jack Lydon, Brenda McWaters, Leslie Smart, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael T. Wimsatt, John Smart, Margaret Brosko, Albert Holmes, Paul Najjar

I. Opening Prayer
Council Chair Leslie Smart called the meeting to order, and John Smart led the group in the opening prayer.

II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the March 15, 2018 parish council meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Finance Committee
Patti Birk, Director of Finance, along with the current chair of the Finance Committee, Tom Zimmerman, and the newly elected chair, Jeff Boone, gave a synopsis of the 2019 budget and the health of the parish at large. The council was charged with reviewing the proposed budget forwarding any questions to Patti before the next meeting in June where the council will vote on the approval of the budget.

IV. Pastor’s Report
Fr. Michael gave a status report on the capital campaign and the committee charged with its implementation.

V. Committee Reports
(a) Formation – Mary Jane Choi submitted a detailed report of past and upcoming events surrounding Adult Formation opportunities, Children’s Formation, Youth Group, and Catechists. Congratulations are in order for to two long-time catechists receiving Master’s Degree’s this year, Joan Huber and Patricia Ceveras! Associate Level Catechist Training classes are in progress. This is a joint effort being offered to catechists and teachers at the Cathedral of the Assumption and St. Gabriel.

(b) Parish Life – Angela Wiggins reported that hospitality was provide for the Saalam Network presentation on Fasting in the Abrahamic tradition. The bereavement committee provided luncheons after the funerals of Carol Zammit, Thomas Geoghegan and Larry Love. Parish Life also provided the receptions after the Chrism Mass and the Easter Vigil. Parish health participated in the promotion as well as worked the April 24th Multi-Faith blood drive which had its kickoff in the Undercroft of the Cathedral.

(c) Social Concerns – Angela Wiggins, in the absence of Barby Knebelkamp, submitted detail report on the activities of the committee She reported on the Sister Parish meeting of April 10th which resulted in a bulletin insert giving an update on our involvement with the St. Therese Montessori School in Jeremie Haiti. We are still awaiting a reply from Dr. Robert Kingsolver at Bellermine regarding student help with an app that will measure energy consumption at the
Cathedral. Hosted the Festival of Faiths Multi-Faith Blood drive for which we received thanks from both the Center for Interfaith Relations and the Red Cross.

(d) Stewardship – Margaret Brosko reiterated the continuing goal to close the loop on people willing to serve in ministry and those who will ensure they are actively engaged in ministry. She also spoke of a new initiative which would bring together all interested parties from the various ministries at the Cathedral to discuss common goals that would better serve the strengths of the Cathedral Parish as a whole. On July 28, 2018, all committee chairs and interested parties will be brought together to realize this new initiative.

(e) Worship – Paul Najjar submitted a detailed report of the last Worship Committee meeting. Committee chairs were encouraged to contact their ministries for donations to the Let’s Dance Louisville silent auction. The Pentecost mobile will be installed May 16th. There is a need for Hospitality ministers as well as servers for the Saturday night Mass.

Special Project Reports
Feed My Neighbor – Don Kavanaugh reported that the planning of the event is going strong with a lot of interest in the community. A Pill Pull was hosted by Barry Wooley Designs to determine the order of the dancers. Over 1300 invitations have been mailed out for the event. Everyone is looking forward to this year’s event.

V. New Business

VII. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 23, 2018, at 6 pm, in the Formation Room on the second floor of the parish office building.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald P Kavanaugh, Vice-Chairperson and Acting Secretary