

**Cathedral of the Assumption
Parish Council Meeting
August 16, 2018**

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

I. Opening Prayer

Council Chair Leslie Smart called the meeting to order with Fr. Michael leading the group in the opening prayer.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2018 parish council meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Pastor's Report

Fr. Michael let the council know that Fr. Lawrence, who arrived in July, would be leaving September 11. Fr. Lawrence, as always, has been very helpful in filling in for Fr. Michael because of his heavy schedule.

Fr. Michael also reported that E. A. Cole would be leaving as Parish Nurse and that Delena Harris, herself a retired nurse, would be taking over those duties. An acknowledgement of E. A.'s service to the parish would be held on September 16th after the 9:30 AM Mass with coffee and doughnuts being served.

It was also reported that Steve Lee, the coordinator of the daily lunch program, would be retiring as of September 30th. A volunteer appreciation outing would be held at the Howard Steamboat Museum in Jeffersonville on September 11th, where volunteers could say their goodbyes to Steve.

Capital Campaign Updates

Fr. Michael laid out the plans for kickoff of the campaign in conjunction with the Cathedral's Feast Day celebration on August 18th, which would begin with the Archbishop celebrating Mass at 5:30. Afterwards parishioners and invited guests would convene in the George Garvin Brown Garden for cocktails and drinks and would then move to the Seelbach Hotel for dinner. The first part of the celebration would be the acknowledgement of the Archbishop's birthday and the Cathedral's Feast Day itself. Afterwards Fr. Michael and Bob Owings, chair of the capital campaign, would speak to kick-off the Hail, Full of Grace! Campaign.

There was some concern raised by council members on the why of the campaign and of the mystery surrounding the campaign itself. Fr. Michael explained that there were two aspects of the campaign, \$3 million to be raised for the immediate needs of the parish and a \$3 million legacy fund from which the interest would be used as needs arise in the future. Some of the mystery surrounding the campaign was intentional as parishioners and invited guests alike would be receiving packets at the celebration which would fully explain the campaign and its objectives over a three year period.

There was also some discussion on how we keep the parish engaged over the three year period so that the campaign would be successful.

IV. Committee Reports

- a) Formation – Mary Jane Choi provided a full committee report. The full committee last met on July 26th and would again meet on September 27th. Religious Education registration would begin the weekend of August 11th/12th and again the weekend of August 18th/19th. Fr. Jeff Kirby is scheduled to speak at the Cathedral Friday October 5th and Saturday October 6th on “Finding God in the Hustle and Bustle of Life” and “Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life.” Further events can be found in the committee report.
- b) Parish Life – Angela Wiggins provided the committee with a full report from the July meeting. The committee provided the refreshments for the July 28th Stewardship Day of Reflection and would also be providing hospitality for the Feast Day / Campaign Kickoff celebration. Filipino Festival will be held September 30th in the Undercroft. Delena Harris is coordinating with Phoenix Health for their visits with the daily lunch guests in the St. Louis Hall on Thursdays.
- c) Social Concerns – Angela also presented the council with updates on the Social Concerns committee which met September 5th. Their next regularly scheduled meeting is September 5th. Jack Lydon is heading up the Cathedral’s participation in Louisville United Against Violence campaign on September 30th. Central Louisville Community Ministries hosted a fundraiser trivia night earlier this month. The teams that came in first and second consisted predominantly of Cathedral members. Saturday August 18th, the Home of the Innocents will have a meeting beginning at 9:00 AM. Interfaith Power and Light will have an awards dinner September 25th.
- d) Stewardship –Margaret Brosko presented the council with a full report. The stewardship committee host a day of reflection on July 28th which was a great success. It was attended by approximately 60 parishioners. Details and outcomes of the day will be presented to Fr. Michael and then to the council during the September meeting.
- e) Worship – the Worship Committee did not meet during August so nothing to report. Paul did remind the council about the Red Mass on September 5, 2018. The Red Mass, which recognizes those in the legal profession, will have the Archbishop as the presider.

Special Project Reports

Feed My Neighbor – Vice-chair Don Kavanaugh reported that the event was a huge success and brought in a net amount of \$180,000.

Web site – newly rewritten web site has gone online and hopefully will be easier to maintain.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 20, 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