

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Council Meeting  
March 21, 2019**

**Those present:** George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Leslie Smart, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael T. Wimsatt, Deacon Chris McDonell, Albert Holmes, Mary Jane Choi, Paul Najar

**I. Opening Prayer**

Chair Leslie Smart called the meeting to order. Worship representative Paul Najar provided the group with the opening prayer.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 21, 2019 parish council meeting were approved as submitted.

**III. Pastor's Report**

**Capital Campaign Updates**

- Things are beginning to happen in regards to the capital campaign projects. The windows of the Cathedral have been cleaned and look great. Unfortunately, the chairs will not arrive before Easter. The time frame at the moment is May. The bids for the new sound system have also not been submitted in the time frame requested by campaign chair Bob Owings. Bob is going to assess the situation and ask that the bids be submitted now.
- A subcommittee has been formed by members of the Finance committee to oversee the endowment policies & procedures. The subcommittee is comprised of Tony Hammond, Jeff Boone, Fr. Michael, and Steve Mullins who is consulting.
- It was suggested that a planned approach to when projects can be scheduled, i.e. spring projects, summer projects, fall projects, be created and shared with the council and the parish as a whole.
- Newsletter will go out to members of the parish outlining the status of the capital campaign

**Staff Recruitment**

- The new Director of Finance is Kathy Roser who has begun work and is excited with working with the Cathedral staff and finance committee.
- The position previously held by Deacon Tom needs to be filled. The position has been posted with the Archdiocese

**Strategic Planning / Stewardship**

Fr. Michael iterated that a strategic plan will need to develop organically as a result of the capital campaign and the work of the stewardship committee as well as input from the council.

**Parish Council / Nominations**

Council in need of two At-Large members to replace outgoing members. Proposed that around Pentecost (June 9) the council draw names from those that have been submitted.

#### IV. Committee Reports

- a) **Formation** – Mary Jane Choi provided the committee with a full report from their last meeting which was held January 31. Joan Huber is attending the Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, Ca. March 22-24. She hopes to bring back information on new trends and ideas that might be incorporated into our religious education program. Youth Group is invited to attend a Day of Reflection incorporating a woodworking project at St. Francis Xavier in Mount Washington this summer. Eight persons in all will be welcome into Church on Easter Vigil – 4 Catechumens (now considered the Elect) and 4 Candidates. One additional person in RCIA will be baptized privately. Theological Reflection will be led by Rob Schrader, MA in Theology from St. Meinrad, on 3 Saturdays during Lent: 3/9, 3/23/ and 4/6 from 4-5 PM. Preparation is unnecessary and all are welcome. Theological Reflection is about connecting faith and life. Scripture readings will be a source for small group reflection and discussion. Theological Reflection is taught at St. Meinrad and sessions are offered regularly on Lay Graduate Theology class weekends. Spiritual Favorites Reading Group is a new offering led by Michael Cirone. Each month a book will be selected that expresses one person's understanding of true spirituality and how it affected his or her life. Fr. Adrian Burke will offer a day long retreat including Mass on the Theology of Non-Violence November 2, 2019. Fr. Adrian is a Spiritual Director, retreat leader and professor at St. Meinrad School Seminary and School of Theology. He teaches a graduate level class on the Spirituality of Non-Violence as well as a weekend retreat at the monastery. He has both an MA in Theology and an MDiv from St. Meinrad and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Other important information can be found in the full report.
- b) **Parish Life** – Angela Wiggins provided the committee with a full report from their last meeting. Trivia night for CLCM was hosted by the Cathedral. \$1500 was raised. Planning May 26 Mass for those who died of opioid overdose with a reception to follow. Delena Harris, Parish nurse, has organized a medical panel presentation for March 31. Compassion group preparing meal for Glade House on March 25. Fifth Sunday collection for the House of Ruth on March 30/31. Parish Life committee met regarding the planning of the reception to follow the Chrism Mass and Easter Vigil. Other information can be found in the full report.
- c) **Social Concerns** – There has been no meeting of the Social Concerns committee since the last council meeting. But Brenda McWaters and Barbie met to discuss potential upcoming activities. Responding to Catholic Charities request for Volunteers to help resettle refugee families by placing the following insert in the Bulletin during the remainder of LENT (Making Lent Golden) and following up as soon as we are able to gain a few volunteers to work on this effort: "Catholic Charities of Louisville is seeking parishes that would be interested in partnering with them in their Kentucky Welcome Sponsorship Program. Through this program, a group or parish is paired with a newly arrived refugee family to help welcome them to their new home in the United States. The Parish or group would help with setting up their home, providing transportation and mentoring the family for three months. Please contact the Parish Office ( Angela Wiggins) for more information on joining the new Social Concerns Committee Immigration group."
- d) **Stewardship** –Margaret Brosko was not present so no update from Stewardship.
- e) **Worship** - Mary Forsee submitted a detailed report of the worship committee which met on January 17th.

Ash Wednesday liturgies were discussed. There was a comment that the Latin responses (Sanctus, Agnus Dei and response) might have been off-putting for those who attend Mass infrequently. However, those responses have been used during Lent for several years and will continue through Lent.

Chair/floor/window update: Removal of chairs will begin after 5:30 Mass on Sunday, April 28; floor work will be done with installation of chairs to begin on Monday, May 6. All Masses will be held in the Undercroft from Monday April 29 - Wednesday May 8. No Mass as usual on Derby Day.

A Blue Mass, recognizing first responders, will be held on Thursday September 12 at 7:00 p.m. with Archbishop Kurtz presiding. An initial planning meeting brought many in the community who were happy to be involved. Cathedral community will provide EMHC, hospitality ministers and servers. (The Worship Committee meeting in September will be rescheduled because of this special Mass.)

There was a review of Lenten schedule of opportunities including the bulletin insert regarding confession/forgiveness and a postcard mailing of reminders of upcoming schedule.

Let's Dance Louisville dancers have been set and the event is well into planning. Each ministry is asked to provide auction items to be bid on.

The schedule for Lent was discussed:

Preparation for Holy Week including:

Palm Sunday, April 14 – there will be a procession into church at each Mass (note that this is Thunder over Louisville Saturday).

Chrism Mass, April 16 will be at 7 p.m. Archdiocese handles all ministries for this.

Holy Thursday, April 18, will have mid-day prayer at noon and Mass at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19, will have Stations of the Cross at noon and Veneration of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 20: the fire will be lit in the park across from church with a procession across Fifth St. into church. Police will block street for us.

Easter Sunday Masses will be at 9:30 and noon.

Rehearsals for Holy Week are Wednesday, April 17 at 5 and 6 p.m. for Holy Thursday and Good Friday respectively and Saturday April 20 for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday at 1 p.m.

The group was reminded that Cathedral has rented the Village 8 theatre for a showing of the film "Mary of Nazareth" and all are encouraged to attend and bring family and friends. This event will be on Friday March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

On April 10 at 7 p.m. there will be a Tenebrae Celebration. Maggie has reviewed the process and is gathering the candles and other symbols that will be used.

The DuPres Stations of the Cross will be on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. with a light soup supper beforehand at 6:00. Dr. Billy Bradford will read, as in the past.

## **V. New Business**

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## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 25, 2019, 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

