

**Cathedral of the Assumption  
Parish Council Meeting  
October 18, 2018**

**Those present:** George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Barby Knebelkamp, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Leslie Smart, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Michael T. Wimsatt

**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 September 20, 2018 parish council meeting were approved as submitted.

**III. Pastor's Report**

Staff transitions:

Paul TadaTada has accepted the position of Coordinator of the Daily Lunch Program to replace Steve.

E.A. Cole has also retired with Delena Harris stepping into the position of parish nurse.

**Capital Campaign Updates**

Two months into campaign and all is going well. It was announced at the August 18<sup>th</sup> event that we had 50% of the goal pledged. As of the October council meeting, 2/3 of the goal has been pledged. The weekend of December 8, 2018 has been designated as commitment weekend where all pledges thus far received will be blessed by Fr. Michael.

The chair and vice-chair of the campaign committee, Bob Owings and Rick Adrio, will be speaking to the parish after the homily at each Mass the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The deacons will also be speaking about the campaign in their homilies during the month of October.

The Parish has pledged \$100,000 from savings to the campaign's legacy fund.

As part of the capital campaign, the chairs and kneelers are being replaced as well as the floor of the sanctuary being refinished. This will hopefully happen around January 28, 2019. In the meantime, workers from the Koetter Group, own by parishioner Bob Koetter, have been cleaning and repairing the steps leading up to the alter.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- a) Formation – Mary Jane Choi provided a full committee report with George Kaissieh reporting. The full committee last met on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Jeff Kirby spoke at the Cathedral Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> on “Finding God in the Hustle and Bustle of Life” and “Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life.” About 30 people attended the lectures each evening. This year's Religious Education has around 40 sign ups, with the youth group having around 14. RCIA has around 10 new candidates this session. The Gospel of John, a 10-week study facilitated by Michael Cirone, began October 3<sup>rd</sup> with

around 30 people attending. Further information about formation can be found in the committee report.

- b) Parish Life – Angela Wiggins provided the committee with a full report from their last meeting. The Filipino Festival was held September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Undercroft with a very large crowd attending the event. Parish Life will host the St. Ann Confraternity Breakfast meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Compassion will hold its monthly meeting October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Patterson Education Building. Coffee and doughnuts will be served after the 9:30 Mass on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The Bereavement team will also host the Service of Remembrance after the noon Mass on that same day. Other upcoming events as well as information concerning the Golden Stars Seniors, Docents, and Newsletter committee can be found in the submitted report.
- c) Social Concerns – Barby and Angela also presented the council with updates on the Social Concerns. Jack Lydon headed up the Cathedral’s participation in Louisville United Against Violence campaign on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Central Louisville Community Ministries hosted a fundraiser on September 30<sup>th</sup> which raised \$15,000. The National St. Vincent DePaul Society photographed the Cathedral and the History Center for a project they are working on. Other pertinent information can be found in the submitted Social Concerns report.
- d) Stewardship –Margaret Brosko was not present so no update from Stewardship.
- e) Worship – Paul submitted a detailed report of the worship committee which met on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Archdiocesan Anniversary Mass will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM. Solemnity of All Saints, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanksgiving Mass will be November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30. Hats and gloves will be collected. Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be December 8<sup>th</sup>. Advent begins on December 2<sup>nd</sup> with Advent Lessons and Carols being performed on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Other dates of interest can be found in the submitted worship report.

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

Leslie Smart, as chair of the council, will be attending PCAL (Parish Council Archdiocese Louisville) meeting.

#### **VI. Old Business**

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 15, 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