

**Cathedral Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2022**

**Those present:** Joan Huber, George Kaissieh, Don Kavanaugh, Fr. Linebach, Brenda McWaters, Carolyn Miles, Paul Najjar, Michelle Owings, Angela Wiggins

**I. Opening Prayer**

Council Chair Don Kavanaugh called the meeting to order, and Michelle Owings led the group in an opening prayer.

**II. Review Council Makeup**

- As everyone sat down to pizza ,provide by the staff, the conversation was steered toward the makeup of the Parish Council itself.
- It was noted that the current council is too small, smaller now that two At-Large members. It was determined that there should be at least six (6) At-Large members. It was also noted that the chair of the Finance committee should, once again, be a member of the council.
- Once the makeup of the council was agreed upon, discussion centered around who, when, and how would be parish be informed of the needs on the council. All agreed that a wider audience should be informed, focusing on younger families within the parish, possibly those who have kids in public schools as well as those who have kids in Catholic schools. Diversity was also brought up as a necessity.
- After much discussion, a timeline was agreed upon with the discernment process of potential candidates being done in April. The entire process of choosing new council members would be completed by Pentecost which happens in June.
- Lastly, and I'm sure I have forgotten something, Fr. passed out a document that deals with the five (5) essential signs of a thriving parish and asked everyone to read and discern the document. In doing so he asked the council members to come up with five of their own ideas on helping the Cathedral become a more thriving parish. He also passed out information on the latest from the Holy Fr., Pope Francis, Synod on Synodality, asking members to learn more about the process.

**III. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6 pm.