

Cathedral Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, December 16, 2021

Those present: Don Kavanaugh, Albert Holmes, George Kaissieh, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, Carolyn Miles, Angela Wiggins, Fr. Linebach

I. Opening Prayer

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

II. Review Council Makeup

- As everyone sat down to a delicious meal provided by those in attendance the conversation was steered toward the makeup of the Parish Council itself.
- Handouts were provided which included the current roster of members of the council, the bylaws of the Cathedral council, selection process for At-Large candidates, and the parish council constitution.
- It was noted that Albert Holmes will be going off of the council in January and that Morgan Spriglers' second term as an At Large would also be ending.
- Fr. Linebach shared his experience with councils during his time at St. James and St. Patrick. He noted that this was probably the smallest council he had encountered during his tenure at those parish's. It was explained to him that Fr. Michael Wimsett had paired down the council during his tenure as members rotated off of the council. Fr. Linebach was also surprised that there was no representation of the Finance Committee on this council. It was explained to him that it was at the recommendation of the Archdiocese that the representative of the Finance Committee be removed.
- It was decided, after many lengthy discussions, that the discussion on the makeup of the council should continue at the January meeting. Father asked that the following points be discerned by those council members present and those who could not attend, and that a final decision on the makeup of the council would be determined in January.
 - What constitutes a parish council?
 - What do you as a member of the council see as the role of the council?
 - How many members should constitute a council?
 - How many At Large members should there be?
 - How do we communicate to the parish the need for members and how would they communicate back to us their desire to be on the council if chosen?
 - Are two, three year, terms too long for a council member to serve?

- The chair of the council cannot hold another position, such as an At Large member or chair of a committee. Should this also be the case for the Vice Chair?

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6 pm.