

Cathedral Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Cathedral Undercroft

- I. Opening Prayer – led by Angela Wiggins
- II. Review Meeting Minutes from June meeting (last mtg) and approved
- III. Selection of Vice-Chair. – after discussion with other Council members the position was offered & accepted by Carolyn Miles.
- IV. Pastor's Report -
 - Introductions all around with the addition of our new members
 - The Parish Council expresses their gratitude to Deacon Stephen Phelps for all the years of dedication he has given to the Cathedral and to the Archdiocese. We look forward to seeing him join the Faithful in the seats during Mass.
 - Fr. Linebach is sorry he missed the feast day fest but he's feeling much better. He will be away on Sundays for a couple of weeks – This weekend he will be leading a retreat for 11 men who are discerning the priesthood – please pray for them in their discernment. The following week he has a wedding in Ashland.
 - Talk continues about having a Parish Council working retreat either in September or October. In discussion with Dr. Steve McSwain to facilitate. No date finalized yet. Considerable discussion around possible objectives for the retreat -
 - Establishing working relationships
 - Pastoral planning – what do we need to focus on over the next 2-3 years.
 - Follow-up to Synod responses – How do we respond as a council and Parish
 - How do we reach out to surrounding community
 - How do we get the faithful back in the seat; Why are people drifting away?
 - Break down of our families
 - Review of the budget allocations – does it reflect our priorities?
 - & more. Fr. Linebach will share with Dr. Steve for planning

V. Committee Reports

- (a) **Formation** – Joan Huber. Fr. Sichko coming Sept 12, 13, 14; next meeting on Thursday, August 25
- (b) **Parish Life** – Angela Wiggins – last Parish Council after many many years. Thank you Angela! New Council representative for Parish Life is Marsha Esarey – a long time Parish Life committee member. Feast day fest was successful thanks for the Parish Life team; Bereavement team provided and served a meal in the Undercroft for the family of Sam Berry and delivered and set up a meal in the home of the daughter of Carol Grantz. Both families were appreciative of the Cathedral’s outreach.
- (c) **Social Concerns** – Brenda McWaters – in July meeting discussed Moving Toward Oneness – discussion of a letter and book our ABCMTO recommended by our Catholic High Schools. This has been given to the Archbishop – he wants to add books to the reading list. – Lunch program numbers are rising to the 90s and 100s but hasn’t reach pr-Covid numbers.- 20 ID’s given out in a week
- (d) **Stewardship** – Carolyn Miles – No meeting in July - meeting next week
- (e) **Worship** – Paul Najjar – committee off the last 2 months; meeting in September.

Attendees: Fr. Martin Linebach, Deacon Chris McDonnell, Don Kavanaugh, Carolyn Miles, Micehlle Owings, Joan Huber, Brenda McWaters, Paul Najjar, George Kaissieh, marsha Esarey, Elliot Bauer, Greg Sekula, Lisa Cain, Chris Newell, Kelly Koetter, Sam Owings, Mark Meade, Scott Condra, Jennie Condra, Debbie Smith Owen, Emily Radford Reid, Winona Shiprek

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 15, 2022