

Cathedral Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Cathedral Office Kavanaugh Room**

Attendees: Greg Sekula, Carolyn Miles, Fr. Fred Klotter, Lisa Cain, Brenda McWaters, Kelly Koetter, Emily Reid, Mark Meade, Chris Newell, Elliott Bauer

- I. **Opening Prayer** – Greg Sekula
- II. **Review and Approval** of January Meeting Minutes –
 - (a) Approved January minutes and created a February Minutes for the meeting cancellation due to inclement weather
- III. **New & On-going Business**
 - (a) Let's Dance Louisville
 - a. Salsa event held at St. Margaret Mary raised \$600 raised
 - b. Accepting auction items and hope parish council can help obtain auction items.
 - c. Encourage council members to attend event on June 14th
 - (b) Adjustment in PC Meeting Schedule
 - a. Father K. has suggested the Council meet every other month. Next meeting will be in May; update your calendars.
 - b. May meeting will include a review of the upcoming budget
 - c. If council input is needed before the next meeting an email will be sent as needed
 - (c) Lent/Holy Week Events
 - a. Dupre' organ recital by Philip Brisson for Stations of the Cross will be held on the Friday prior to Palm Sunday (April 11). A simple meal of vegetable soup and bread will be provided before the performance
 - b. The archbishop will preside at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter, Noon Mass
 - c. Music – Cathedral Choir will sing at Chrism Mass with other singers from the archdiocese, Holy Thursday and both Sunday masses. The Cathedral Singers will sing on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Saturday

- (d) All Parish Lenten Workshop in the Undercroft, Sunday, March 23rd.
 - a. This workshop will be led by Deacon Chris McDonell and Catechist Melani McDonell in the undercroft between the 9:30 and 12 Noon Masses. Will walk through the sacred days of Holy Week and give participants personal ways to encounter Jesus each day at home. Parish Council members are invited to attend.
- (e) Parish Council By-Laws Document – Template has been provided by the Archdiocese Pastoral Council; Greg, Carolyn, and Father will work on draft and hope to have ready for review at the May meeting.
- (f) Parish Census Update – Angela is finishing up on the updated census data. Next step will be sending out letters to confirm information to those who completed a card and those who didn't. A report from Father will report to the Parish on Pentecost.
- (g) Tuesday April 27th– Father would like to celebrate Rogation Day with a procession around the church boundaries. This is about a 5-mile walk. More info forthcoming from Father.
- (d) Budgetary Concerns
 - 1. Received several donations since Father's talk from the ambo on financial concerns.
 - 2. The operational budget remains very tight .
 - 3. Parish will need to consider next creative steps to increase funds.
 - 4. Father met with the archbishop and Brian Reynolds to review his report on the status of the Cathedral and suggestions for next steps. They were supportive of his recommendations.
 - 5. Suggested we have a summer gathering/retreat to identify resolutions going forward.

IV. Committee Reports

- (a) Staff - Father Klotter
 - a. Noah McDonnell's last day is April 27th. Father will continue with volunteers through the end of the year for formation work.
- (b) Parish Life – Marsha Esarey
 - a. Simple meal prior to Dupre' Stations of the Cross to be held on Friday, April 11th.
 - b. Chrism Mass reception to be held on April 15th.

- c. Working on organizing Parish Life storage closet in the Undercroft.

(c) Social Concerns – Brenda McWaters

- a. Currently serving about 100 guests daily for lunch; recommended we replace trash can in the restroom with a metal can
- b. Parish has given out 194 IDs since July.
- c. Feedback from Catholic Social Teaching presented by Peyton Rhea from Catholic Charities was excellent. Approximately 50 people attended
- d. Discussion of U of L starting a medical clinic with our lunch guests is on-going.
- e. There is currently \$57,000 in the Haiti account. We've sent 2 checks, \$6,000 each, for the Montessori School and lunch program. Checks are usually sent quarterly.
- f. Little Way pregnancy Center is in the process of sending us a referral.

(d) Stewardship – no updates. Carolyn working with Angela on the Census response.

(e) Worship – no update

V. Adjournment

Next Parish Council Meeting

May 21, 2025