

**Minutes of the 448<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

**January 14, 2016**

**Members Present:** Fr. Jerry Riney, Christy Ellis, Mark Heinz, Ron Bornander, John Calhoun, Haley Fitzgerald, Bo Ivey, John McNulty

**Members Absent:** Teresa Brown, Lottie Miller

**Parish Team:** Fr. Suneesh Mathew, Deacon Dirck Curry, Donna Murphy

**I. Opening**

Christy Ellis, chair, opened the meeting at 6:08 PM. The minutes for the November 12, 2015, meeting were approved with the following correction. The Adult Faith Formation Committee, not the Youth Group, has plans for a St. Nick party on December 6, 2015.

**II. Scripture – *At Home with the Word***

PPC members read the Gospel for January 17, 2016. PPC members shared their thoughts about Jesus' first miracle in public ministry and the theme of transformation.

**III. Stewardship Report**

John McNulty stated The Time, Talent, and Treasure data has been entered into the computer. Names of those interested in serving on committees will be sent to committee heads.

**IV. Liturgy and Worship Report**

John Calhoun reported that Mike Bogdan was meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016, at 6:00 PM with a Lent/Easter Liturgy Workgroup. All are invited to attend to give input on the upcoming Lent and Easter season liturgies. PPC members signed up to distribute ashes for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

Deacon Dirck Curry reported on the Ecumenical Prayer Service to be held on Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 PM. It will be followed by fellowship in the Fr. Vaughan Community Center. This service is in conjunction with Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2016.

**V. Finance Report**

Fr. Jerry announced that the special collection for the Hispanic Ministry in Daviess County raised \$717.61.

**VI. Education Report**

Haley Fitzgerald stated Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated January 31-February 6, 2016. Donna Murphy added that as part of the celebration the students from the OCS 4-6 Center would visit our church on February 2, 2016. They will learn about the significance of the Jubilee Year and the Jubilee Door. Students will have a guided tour of the church. James Wells will have a music lesson using the pipe organ.

The Cathedral Preschool playground equipment is installed and the fence is on its way. Fr. Jerry thanked Larry Lyon, Pam Weafer and her staff for a great job raising funds for the equipment. He noted the diocesan Disciples Response Fund provided a \$7,500.00 grant.

St. Stephen Cathedral will host the Men's Conference on February 13, 2016. The parish Koinonia retreat will take place the weekend of March 4-6, 2016. There are 25-30 people on the team. PPC members were challenged to attend the Retreat.

In November, the Youth Group had a great NCYC experience in Indianapolis, IN. There were 23,000 youth and chaperones in attendance.

The St. Nick party on November 6, 2015, had a good turn out and was a success. Bryan Dant did a wonderful job portraying St. Nick.

### **VII. Community and Family Enrichment Report**

The Fish Fry will be held on March 11, 2016. Lori Hicks will chair the event. PPC members will assist with the Fish Fry.

### **VIII. Communications Report**

Bo Ivey distributed a one-page safety plan for our parish. PPC members are to take home and review the plan.

The Diocesan Welcomers took on six extra events in November and December. They will have a party on February 9, 2016, at the rectory.

### **IX. Building and Grounds Report**

Ron Bornander reported the committee is scheduling a meeting.

### **X. Pastor's Comments**

Fr. Jerry challenged members to take the opportunity to grow spiritually during Lent.

Fr. Jerry and Fr. Suneesh attended the Presbyteral Conference at St. Meinard January 11-14, 2016. Fifty to Fifty-five priests were in attendance.

The Administrative Search Committee has been interviewing candidates. Mary Hall, HR person for the Diocese, heads the committee. Additional members are Christy Ellis and Joey Beatty. Applicants have been received from inside and outside the parish.

Work is being done by the Disaster Team, Inc. to repair the damage from the Baptismal Font water leak. The repair costs will be covered by insurance.

Fr. Jerry distributed the Front Church Landing Update. He announced Garry Pierce is chairing the Front Church Landing Committee.

The following were thanked for their work on the Epiphany celebration: Lupe Ellis and crew for coordinating the Potluck, James Wells and choir for the Hymn Festival, and Deacon Dirck and Chona Curry for planning Ruth Ann Carrico's farewell party.

Fr. Jerry educated the PPC on the significance of the Jubilee Door. It is a wonderful symbol that represents Christ.

Fr. Jerry thanked all those that helped pass out the book, *Rediscover Jesus*, at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies.

**XI. Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Christy Ellis, Margie Ebelhar, and Haley Fitzgerald are celebrating January Birthdays.

**XII. Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar