

**Minutes of the 449<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

**February 11, 2016**

**Members Present:** Fr. Jerry Riney, Christy Ellis, Haley Fitzgerald, Bo Ivey, John McNulty, Lottie Miller

**Members Absent:** Ron Bornander, John Calhoun, Mark Heinz

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

**I. Opening**

Christy Ellis, chair, opened the meeting at 6:05 PM. The minutes were approved as written for the January 14, 2016, meeting.

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

PPC members read the Gospel for February 14, 2016. Fr. Jerry posed the following two questions for members to reflect on and share with the group. What do you find tempting? What are you doing to draw yourself closer to the Lord during Lent?

**III. Stewardship Report**

John McNulty had nothing to report from the Stewardship Committee.

**IV. Liturgy and Worship Report**

John Calhoun submitted a written report through e-mail.

**V. Finance Report**

Lottie Miller reported the Finance Committee hope to pay off the Restoration and Renewal loan balance by the end of February. The money coming in for that fund will be used for the front landing repair. Finance committee would like to have the sound system worked on again.

**VI. Education Report**

It was announced 245 men have signed up for the February 13, 2016, Men's Conference. The parish Koinonia Retreat will take place the weekend of March 4-6, 2016. PPC members were challenged to attend the Retreat.

**VII. Community and Family enrichment Report**

PPC members signed up to assist the March 11, 2016, Fish Fry. Teresa Brown is to contact Joan Perry about the possibility of starting a Bereavement Ministry.

**VIII. Communications Report**

Bo Ivey and John McNulty discussed the Safety Plan with the Council. Revisions were made to the plan. The revised plan will next go to the Liturgy and Worship Committee.

Bo Ivey announced the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra are performing a concert at St. Stephen Cathedral on April 17, 2016, at 4:00 PM.

**IX. Building & Grounds Report**

Fr. Jerry reported the committee still needs a chair. The Spring Clean Up/Spruce Up Day is scheduled for March 19, 2016, weather permitting. The PPC thanks Eddie O'Bryan for his "interim" cleaning of our church building. The parish is currently seeking a part-time maintenance person. Work on replacing the entire undercroft ceiling will begin on February 15, 2016. The project is estimated to take two weeks. The Community Center will not be available for use during that time.

**X. Pastor's Comments**

Beni Hagan Howell will begin her position as Office Assistant on February 17, 2016. The Council thanks Lisa Taylor for coordinating Volunteer Receptionists for the front desk. The Council also thanks Darylin Bishop for taking on the responsibility for the bulletin in the interim.

Joey Beatty's last day as Finance/Business Manager will be February 15, 2016. He will continue to do payroll until we have a person on board. The position is being advertised and applications will be accepted until February 22, 2016.

The PPC will be responsible for the Stations of the Cross on February 19, 2016. Lottie Miller, Christy Ellis, Mark Heinz, and Margie Ebelhar will be there.

Fr. Jerry announced the following Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – 6:00 PM

Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – 3:00 PM St. Stephen

7:00 PM Blessed Sacrament

Holy Saturday Nightwatch of the Resurrection – 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday – 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

#### **XI. Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Fr. Jerry and Teresa Brown are celebrating February Birthdays.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar