

Minutes of the 450th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council

April 14, 2016

Members Present: Fr. Jerry Riney, Christy Ellis, Mark Heinz, Teresa Brown, John Calhoun, Haley Fitzgerald, Bo Ivey, Lottie Miller

Members Absent: Ron Bornander, John McNulty

Parish Team: Fr. Suneesh Mathew, Deacon Dirck Curry

I. Opening

Christy Ellis, chair, opened the meeting at 6:10 PM. The minutes were approved as written for the February 11, 2016, meeting.

II. Scripture – *At Home with the Word*

PPC members read the first Scripture Reading and the Gospel for April 17, 2016. The group shared their thoughts about Jesus' words "the sheep hear my voice." The PPC members also discussed the Jews' rejection of Paul's message and the acceptance by the Gentiles. Barnabas is seen as a person of encouragement. Are we seen as such?

III. Stewardship Report

Fr. Jerry reported Donna Tarantino has been hired full time as the Director of Stewardship. She will begin her duties the latter part of May or early June. Her title has not yet been determined.

IV. Liturgy and Worship Report

John Calhoun stated the Liturgy and Worship Committee has not met since the last PPC meeting. Father Jerry asked the group for Holy Week Services feedback. Everyone agreed there was a good crowd at both the 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM Good Friday Services. The comment was made that on Holy Thursday the washing of the feet seemed confusing for the participants; however, the procession into the chapel went well.

V. Finance Report

Lottie Miller reported the Restoration and Renewal collection ended in February. The donations for R&R in February were approximately \$4,100. Any future donations for R&R will go into the Porch/Landing Fund. Members of the Porch/Landing Committee include: Garry Pierce, George Hagan, Dean Benke, Ben Hartz, and Joe Meyer.

Fr. Jerry and Eddy McFarland are trying to eliminate some of the special church envelopes that are sent to parishioners each month. They are also working on creating a more understandable finance report in the bulletin. Eddy McFarland is studying better use of AFT for our parishioners.

St. Stephen was chosen to be in a pilot program for the Disciples Response Fund Appeal. St. Stephen has done well with this campaign and went over our goal by over \$25,000. We received a check from the diocese for \$19,000.00.

VI. Education Report

Haley Fitzgerald announced the parish Koinonia was a huge success with 30 candidates making the retreat. Katelyn and Taylor West will be the lay directors for 2017. The speaker for the February 11, 2017, Men's Conference will be Cardinal Dolan.

The committee is contemplating purchasing a parish subscription to "formed.org." Included with this would be lots of media resources. The committee is also working on a monthly video or group discussion for families.

VII. Community and Family Enrichment Report

Teresa Brown stated the Fish Fry ran smoothly and was a success.

VIII. Communications Report

Bo Ivey reported that on Sunday, April 17, 2016, The Owensboro Symphony Orchestra will perform the Cathedral portion of their “Stained Glass Series” of local concerts. Michael Conley will be honored and thanked for his service at St. Stephen Cathedral. To date the “Arts at the Cathedral” fund has collected \$5,500.00. The deadline for *The Parishioner* is May 1, 2016.

IX. Building & Grounds Report

Fr. Jerry reported that Jeff Payne has been hired as our part-time maintenance person. He works on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. A thank you was extended to those that worked on the Spring Clean Up/Spruce Up Day on March 19, 2016.

X. Social Concerns

Mark Heinz commended 15 members of the Youth Group who worked on the Habitat for Humanity Service Project. The goal this fiscal year is for our parish is to contribute \$3,000.00 to Habitat for Humanity. Sr. Lorraine Lauter is scheduled in July 2016, to speak about Water for Blessings.

XI. Pastor’s Comments

PPC members decided to discontinue placing the PPC meeting minutes in the Sunday bulletin. The minutes are displayed in a case in the church vestibule. They also can be viewed on the St. Stephen Cathedral website.

Fr. Jerry happily announced Fr. Suneesh is staying with St. Stephen Cathedral for another year. Eddy McFarland has begun his position as part time Business Manager.

The Pictorial Directory pictures will be taken the last of January and first of February. Kathryn Wimsatt and Lisa Taylor are co-chairing this project.

XII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar