

**Minutes of the 458th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

March 30, 2017

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

Parish Team: Fr. Jamie Dennis, Deacon Dirck Curry, Donna Murphy, Corey Bruns

I. Opening

Christy Ellis, chair, opened the meeting at 6:05 PM. The minutes were approved as written for the February 9, 2017 meeting. Fr. Jerry praised the parishioners and staff for coming together as a team during the very busy week of Bishop McRaith's funeral. Our parish experienced five funerals and 2 graveside services.

II. Scripture - *At Home with the Word*

PP members read and discussed the Gospel for April 2, 2017.

III. Stewardship Report

John McNulty reported 342 families have returned their Time, Talent, and Treasure forms. Corey Bruns has been helping Donna Tarantino with training for the various ministries.

IV. Liturgy and Worship Report

John Calhoun announced the following Triduum schedule: Holy Thursday 6:00 PM, Good Friday 3:00 PM at Cathedral and 7:00 PM at BSC, and Easter Vigil 8:00 PM. Fr. Jerry reminded the PPC that Easter Flowers may be donated in memory or in honor of individuals. Fr. Jerry announced the McRaith Catholic Pastoral Center Chapel will be used for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the Holy Thursday service. Night Prayer will be at 9:00 PM and Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM.

V. Finance Report

Lottie Miller shared the Finance report minutes from the March meeting. Nancy Hendricks resigned from the Finance Committee. Kristine Henning was introduced as a new member. The parish will soon receive a payment from the Diocese for the first rebate of the Disciples Response Fund in the amount of \$12,57382. A \$5,000. grant has been received for sound system improvements. Fr. Jerry is in the process of forming a committee to address the sound system concerns.

VI. Education Report

Haley Fitzgerald reported 17 people attended the Koinia Retreat. It was described by participants as "a good community builder, spiritual, and fun." Donna Murphy invited all to the RCIA reception which will be held after the Easter Vigil. She stated the Adult Faith Formation team is looking at revamping their approach. She shared her ideas of programs she would like to implement in the future. Deacon Dirck reported that This Man is You has 3 more weeks and still has 20 men attending the meeting regularly. He also mentioned another Genersarit Retreat will be held in the Fall. It is a healing retreat for those ill and their spouse.

VII. Communications Report

Bo Ivey stated over \$8,000.00 was donated to "Arts at the Cathedral." The new ornament for 2017 has been chosen. The Apse Window, Father Creator, is number 6 in the series. Donna Tarantino is seeking Hospitality Ministers for Holy Week. Twenty-five people attended the "Learning How to Maximize Social Security" seminar on February 16, 2017.

VIII. Community and Family Enrichment Report

The post Christ Mass reception for Bishop and priests will be held at 8:15 PM on April 11, 2017. The Holy Thursday Luncheon in the Rectory for Bishop Medley and priests will be at 12:30 PM. Help will be needed with serving. The Parish Fish Fry was a success. Fr. Jerry thanked Laurie Hicks and all that helped with the event. The parish picnic this year will be held on September 16, 2017, and will be combined with the Founder's Day celebration. We will also celebrate Dick Murphy's ordination to the Diaconate. A picnic dinner with burgoo and barbecue chicken will be served after the 5:00 PM Mass. Deacon Dirck will contact the cooks, Lupe Ellis, and coordinate the raffle. Margie Ebelhar volunteered to assist him with the raffle. Mac and cheese and beans will be ordered from Moonlite. Ice cream and cobblers/pies will be served for dessert.

IX. Buildings and Grounds Report

Ron Bornander announced our Spring Work Day is April 1, 2017, from 8:00-noon. He reported the Knights of Columbus Council 817 are donating a St. Stephen Community Garden sign. Fr. Jerry stated the porch project is tentatively scheduled to start April 2018. The plan is to have 5 women toilets in the Bridal Suite, convert the dry storage area into a men's restroom, and have a family, handicap accessible restroom in hallway.

X. Social Concerns Report

The outreach opportunities for Lent have been doing well. The committee nominated Terri LaHue, director of Birthright, to receive the annual Bishop John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope Award. Habitat for Humanity is inviting parishioners to volunteer during Holy Week.

XI. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry encouraged PPC members to make the Triduum special. He asked members to nominate candidates for the next PPC.

XII. Birthdays and Anniversaries

There were no Birthdays and Anniversaries for March and April.

XIII. Adjournment

The next meeting is May 11, 2017. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar