

**Minutes of the 452nd Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

June 9, 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

Guests: Eddy McFarland and Donna Tarantino

I. Opening

Christy Ellis, chair, opened the meeting at 6:02 PM. The minutes were approved as written for the May 12, 2016, meeting.

II. Scripture – *At Home with the Word*

PPC members read the first Scripture Reading and Gospel for June 12, 2016. The group shared their thoughts on the theme we are all sinners and no one is beyond the forgiveness of God.

III. Stewardship Report

John McNulty introduced and welcomed Donna Tarantino, our newly hired Director of Ministries and Volunteers. She joined the pastoral team at St. Stephen on June 1, 2016. Our business manager, Eddy McFarland, was also introduced and welcomed to the Council. He began his position on March 14, 2016.

IV. Liturgy and Worship Report

John Calhoun reported the Lenten and Easter Season sub-committee of the Liturgy and Worship Committee had a meeting on June 8, 2016. He will send the minutes to PPC members. Fr. Jerry stated approximately 100 people took part in the Corpus Christi procession and 20 were present for Vespers and Benediction. Bo Ivey and Mike Bogdan will coordinate the Hospitality Ministers Training, which will include the safety plan. The Tri-Parish Mission will be held October 24-27, 2016.

V. Finance Report

Eddy McFarland presented an overview of the 2016-2017 budget. It was approved by the PPC. Eddy was directed to contact Tom Neal to request a report on the parish owned Cedar Street real estate property.

VI. Education Report

Haley Fitzgerald announced Vacation Bible School Week is June 20-24, 2016. The Adult Faith Formation Committee is planning an activity for every month. They hope to show the movie, *The Letters*. They plan on a lecture by Sr. George Mary.

Fr. Suneesh reported the Youth Group would be meeting in the summer months. He will be leaving St. Stephen Cathedral on July 19, 2016. Fr. Jerry stated Fr. Suneesh

has done a great job with Youth Ministry. The PPC thanked him for all of his hard work in this important ministry.

VII. Community and Family Enrichment

John Calhoun informed the PPC he would forward Teresa Brown's e-mail report for the Community and Family Enrichment Committee.

Haley Fitzgerald raised the question why do we charge parishioners for use of the undercroft. After discussion, it was decided Ron Bornander would contact parishes with similar size halls and find out what they charge parishioners for use of their hall.

Deacon Dirck announced that the Church Picnic has no chair for the Raffle. The Picnic Committee is meeting next week to discuss the situation.

VIII. Communications Report

Bo Ivey had no report.

IX. Building & Grounds Report

Eddy McFarland reported there was hail damage to the Youth House, rectory garage, and the office. We are in the process of getting estimates. The statues have been secured to the wall in the undercroft. Work is progressing on the porch project.

X. Social Concerns

Mark Heinz stated the Social Concerns Committee is meeting quarterly. The minutes from the May 19, 2016, meeting were e-mailed to PPC members. For this fiscal year, our parish has committed to give Habitat for Humanity \$3,000. So far \$1,969.00 has been collected. Eventually, there will be 2 envelopes in church packets for Habitat for Humanity.

Deacon Dirck thanked Ron Bornander and Mark Heinz for removing the wood and waste material from the Community Garden lot. He and Chona have planted the gardens and plan on community members to "weed for feed."

XI. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry informed the PPC that he has met with Fr. James Dennis. Fr. James will take over Fr. Suneesh's duties. He will arrive on June 14, 2016. Fr. Jerry announced Bishop Medley is in San Antonio during June and July in order to learn Spanish.

XII. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Christy Ellis announced there were no Birthdays or Anniversaries in June.

XIII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar

