

**Minutes of the 453rd Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

August 11, 2016

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

Members Absent: Teresa Brown, Christy Ellis, Lottie Miller

Parish Team: Fr. Jamie Dennis, Deacon Dirck Curry, Donna Murphy, Eddy McFarland

I. Opening

Mark Heinz, vice-chair, opened the meeting at 6:08 PM. The minutes were approved as written for the June 9, 2016, meeting.

II. Scripture - *At Home with the Word*

PPC members read the first Scripture Reading and Gospel for August 14, 2016. The group reflected on what it means to “set the earth on fire.”

III. Stewardship Report

John McNulty reported that Donna Tarantino is presently focusing on stewardship. The following people represent our parish on the Diocesan Disciple Response Fund Committee: Donna Tarantino, John McNulty, Ed Cecil and Joyce Gruenewald.

IV. Liturgy & Worship Report

John Calhoun stated his committee has not met since our last PPC meeting. Diocesan Cantor Training took place on July 30, 2016. Eucharistic Ministers Training is August 28, 2016, at 3:00 PM. Bo Ivey reported Hospitality Ministers Formation will take place on September 25, 2016, at 6:00 PM. He will be recruiting Hospitality Ministers at the next 2 weekend Masses. The Tri-Parish Mission will be held October 24-27, 2016.

V. Finance Report

Eddy McFarland presented an overview concerning the parish owned Cedar Street real estate property. After discussion, John McNulty was appointed to a subcommittee to study the situation. A finance committee member will also be on the subcommittee. Ron Bornander presented his findings concerning what various Daviess County parishes charge parishioners for use of their parish halls. PPC agreed our parish policy concerning charges for the use of the Fr. Vaughan Community Center needs to be revised. Bo Ivey will attend the next finance committee meeting and present options.

VI. Education Report

Haley Fitzgerald reported the discussion, “How Catholics Should Vote”, led by Dr. Stuart Squires on July 21, 2016, was well attended. On August 21, 2016, at 6:00 PM, the Adult Faith Formation Committee will show the movie *The Letters*. Sr. George Mary Hagan will present a lecture on September 26, 2016, concerning the migration of the faithful Roman Catholics into western Kentucky.

VII. Community and Family Enrichment

Deacon Dirck Curry presented a report on the September 17, 2016, Church Picnic. He requested that everyone pick up their raffle envelopes. Fr. Jerry announced the Ninetieth Anniversary Dedication will be celebrated on September 1, 2016. It will begin with 6:00 PM Mass and followed by dinner catered by the Pork Producers. Fr. Bradley and Fr. Vaughan will be attending the celebration. Ron Bornander volunteered to serve food and John Calhoun to clean up.

VIII. Communications Report

Bo Ivey reported we have 2 Facebook pages. He will work on correcting this problem.

IX. Buildings & Grounds Report

Ron Bornander stated Jeff Payne worked on beautifying the Prayer Garden. Problems in the bathrooms have been fixed, the sidewalk improvement completed, and work has been done on the deck. A group of college students from Michigan volunteered in the parish. The roofs that have been damaged are being repaired. There will be a report on the porch at the September 1, 2016, celebration.

X. Social Concerns

Mark Heinz announced toiletries were collected for the International Center in July. The Center received a \$500. Year of Mercy grant. The Disciples Response Fund awarded a \$350. grant for our back pack ministry. Twenty- five back packs go to Hager Preschool during the school year. The Crossroad Emergency Mission for Women and Children is opening in several weeks. Our youth group worked with the Habitat for Humanity "Help Build Hope" project.

XI. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry reminded the PPC our Retreat will be September 10, 2016, at Clark's Lake House. Lisa Gulino from Brescia University will be the facilitator. There will be no September meeting. He announced work is being done on the Baptismal font. Fr. Jerry officially welcomed Fr. Jamie to the PPC. Fr. Jamie listed his many varied responsibilities in the parish.

XII. Birthdays and Anniversaries

John Calhoun was wished a Happy August Birthday. Dick and Donna Murphy celebrated a Wedding Anniversary on August 6th, and Fr. Jerry Riney celebrated the Anniversary of his Ordination on August 9th.

XIII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2016. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar