

**Minutes of the 455th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

November 10, 2016

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

Members Absent: John Calhoun

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

I. Opening

Christy Ellis, chair, opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. The minutes were approved as written for the October 20, 2016, meeting.

II. Scripture - *At Home with the Word*

Fr. Jerry gave everyone a copy of *At Home with the Word*. He requested the PPC members help distribute these books after Mass on the feast of Christ the King. He also asked members to distribute books, that were generously donated by a parishioner, after the Christmas Masses. The group prayed and Fr. Jerry asked for special prayers for a smooth transition for the president-elect, the president, and the country.

III. Stewardship Report

Fr. Jerry stated all parishioners will soon receive a Time, Talent, and Treasure form. Any feedback on the process is appreciated. The hope is all forms will be returned by Thanksgiving.

IV. Liturgy and Worship Report

Fr. Jerry reported Laura Mathis, Brenda Clark, and James Wells helped with the Tri-Parish Mission. The Vespers Service for Lost Loved Ones held on All Souls Day had approximately 50 people in attendance. At the reception gift bags were given to those who lost loved ones. The end of the Holy Year is November 20th. Several groups came to the Cathedral on pilgrimages. The Christmas Eve Mass schedule is 4:00 and 11:00 PM at St. Stephen's and 7:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Christmas Day Masses are scheduled at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. Fr. Jerry gave members an Advent and Christmas Reflections book and requested feedback on it.

V. Finance Report

Lottie Miller announced we are only down approximately \$5,000. - 6,000.00 for the year in collections. St. Stephen purchased the property at 609 Cedar Street. Regarding eight more properties on Cedar Street, a deed has been prepared to change ownership from Shelter management to St. Stephen. Bill Castlen and Eddy McFarland will manage the properties. The revenue from the picnic was down this year. Deacon Dirck Curry will not chair the picnic committee for the coming year. Fr. Jerry said we need to consider if we want to do another picnic next year. Maybe we should consider a reverse raffle. Teresa Brown will investigate a reverse raffle.

VI. Education Report

Haley Fitzgerald reported the numbers attending That Man is You are down about half from last year. Approximately 15 -18 people are attending each week. There is a big Confirmation group this year with 22 people. The next Koinonia will be March 24-26, 2017. Donna Murphy said the Adult Faith Formation team needs committee members. The St. Nicholas Party will be December 4, 2016, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

VII. Community and Family Enrichment Report

Teresa Brown announced the Trunk or Treat was very successful. Teresa will organize the PPC Christmas party which will be 6:00 PM on January 6, 2017. Lupe Ellis will organize the January 8, 2017, Epiphany Party. The parish Open House will be after the 5:00 PM Mass in the rectory on December 31, 2016.

VIII. Communications Report

Bo Ivey had no report

IX. Buildings and Grounds Report

Ron Bornander stated there were many volunteers that accomplished much at the October, 29, 2016, Fall Work Day. It was a good day.

X. Social Concerns

Mark Heinz reported six Stephen Ministers went to Jasper for a retreat led by a Sister of Providence. They participated in good discussions.

XI. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry announced parishioners are asked to bring groceries for those in need at the 8:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass. Parishioners will receive a letter with Advent and Christmas opportunities. A proposal for an Arts at the Cathedral Fund will be going to the Communications Committee next week. Mike Conley is in the hospital. There will be a card to sign for Mike at the next meeting.

XII. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lottie Miller was wished a Happy November Birthday. Teresa and Terry Brown, and John and Laura Calhoun will celebrate wedding Anniversaries on November 18.

XIII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016, after the 6:00 PM Mass. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar