

**Minutes of the 502nd Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office**

April 13, 2023

Members Present: Fr. John Thomas, David Danhauer, Lauren Calhoun, Dirk Dooper, Kelsey Rhodes, Russell Vaughn, John Wright

Members Absent: LaWanna Brand, Brenda Clark, Samantha Taylor Kaai

Parish Team: Fr. Shibu, Donna Murphy

I. Call to Order

David Danhauer, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:01 pm.

II. Prayer

Fr. John Thomas led the PPC in prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the March 9, 2023, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – David Danhauer

A. Parish Finance Committee – Dirk Dooper

Dirk Dooper reported we are in the black for the year-to-date budget. The next finance committee meeting is April 20, 2023.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun

Lauren Calhoun stated five people joined the church at the Easter Vigil.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Fr. John Thomas (on behalf of Samantha Taylor -Kaai)

Fr. John Thomas reported \$2,590.00 was collected from the Lenten collections. The Help Office received \$150.00, Crossroads \$550.00, Pitino Shelter \$950.00, and the Food Pantry \$940.00.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

No report.

E. Youth – Kelsey Rhodes

Kelsey Rhodes reported youth small groups will meet for the last time this month. We are bringing back the Prayer Team for our youth who are going to Gasper River this summer. We will be starting signups for that soon. A new way we will support our youth going to Gasper River will be a letter station set up in the church all summer so people can write notes to our youth at Gasper. We are working on an outdoor movie series in the backyard of the youth house for the summer.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughn stated a contractor has been hired to fix the leak on the roof. The plaster contractor needs to work around the Rose Window. Old electrical wiring needs to be replaced in the rectory. The Spring Cleanup has not been scheduled. John Wright will contact Andrew about the status of the Restroom Renovation project. Fr. John Thomas reported feedback has been good concerning the sound system.

G. Community and Family Enrichment – Margie Ebelhar (on behalf of Brenda Clark)

Margie Ebelhar reported Fr. John Thomas hosted a dinner for Priests after the April 4, 2023, Chrism Mass. A reception was held after the April 8, 2023, Easter Vigil honoring the new Catholics and their families. All in attendance at the Mass were invited to the reception and fifty plus enjoyed the reception. Discussion was held concerning transportation to and from Church for parishioners in need of such. Lauren Calhoun will investigate the possibility of a grant for a church minivan. This issue needs to be addressed from the Social Concerns Committee. Fr. John Thomas stated it would be added to the staff meeting agenda. The 2nd Annual Parish Patio Party will be Saturday, June 3, 2023.

H. Long Range Planning – John Wright

John Wright announced the Long-Range Planning Committee met and talked with others about using different space for the Cathedral Preschool.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. Pastor's Report

Fr. John Thomas announced the staff went to St. Meinard for a Retreat Day on March 8, 2023. It was a lovely, prayerful, interactive, positive, and enjoyable day. The Fish Fry went well with a big crowd. Fr. John Thomas is conducting a "Seasoned Cooking Class" on April 28, 2023. Cathedral Preschool held a loose coin collection for Birthright and collected \$800.00. The summer feeding program, which is ran by the Diocesan Food Service, will take place in the Community Center from Monday thru Friday at lunch during June and July. The parish is using a new data system called Camino. A parish mission directed by Bill Garrott will be held April 24-26, 2023. Fr. John Thomas is interviewing candidates for the Director of Children and Family Ministry position. Our parish is having a safety audit which is conducted by a Diocesan employee. Starting the second week of June, Fr. Thomas will be the Parochial Vicar at St. Leo in Murray.

VII. Action Items

John Wright will follow up on the progress of the Restroom Renovation. Lauren Calhoun will follow up on the transportation grant and Fr. John Thomas will discuss transportation issue at staff meeting.

VIII. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

Deacon Richard Murphy was wished a Happy April Birthday.

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. Shibu

Fr. Shibu led the PPC in a closing prayer.

X. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled Thursday, May 11, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar