

Minutes of the 488th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Zoom Virtual / In Person Fr. John Vaughan Community Center

April 8, 2021

Members Present: Fr. Jerry Riney, Samantha Taylor-Kaai, Brenda Clark, Mark Heinz, Russell Vaughn, Kathryn Wimsatt

Members Absent: Peggy Bellew, LaWanna Brand, David Hemingway, Kelsey Rhodes

Parish Team: Donna Tarantino

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Samantha Taylor-Kaai, chair, opened the meeting at 6:07 pm.

II. Scripture – *At Home with the Word.*

PPC members read and reflected on the 1st Reading and the Gospel for April 11, 2021.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the January 14, 2021, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – Samantha Taylor Kaai

A. Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz

Mark Heinz reported regular collections up to April 4, 2021, are \$51,747.00 ahead of budget. After 40 weeks of the fiscal year, collections are \$1,730.00 ahead of same time last year. The Keeping Safe And Secure /Porch capital campaign was a success and ended March 2021. There is no outstanding debt. The amounts for the Lenten collections are as follows: Backpack \$939.16, Cathedral Soup Kitchen \$2,660.00, Catholic Relief Services \$2,418.00, Rice Bowl \$2668.23, Daniel Pitino Shelter \$1,600.00, Mandeville \$3,006.00, Help Office \$1,535.00, Heralds of Good News \$5,655.00, Holy Land \$866.00, and Seminary\$2,274.00. The Preschool has been awarded a \$30,000. Federal Grant that will help cover Covid related expenses.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Brenda Clark

Brenda Clark asked Donna Tarantino to present the report. Donna T stated no details have been confirmed yet for the May 2, 2021, Crowning of Mary Ceremony. On Mother's Day, May 9, 2021, there will be a Blessing for Mother's. Donna T announced Our Triduum and Easter Liturgies were beautiful and well attended. We appreciated Bishop Medley being our celebrant and Deacon Corey Bruns taking care of many details. On April 19, 2021, at 6:00 pm, Bishop Medley will lead a Prayer Service for Victims of Abuse. First Communion Retreat will be held Saturday April 24, 2021, in the Community Center. First Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 25, 2021. We have 13 children receiving First Communion. Confirmation will be celebrated at the 11:00 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021. We have 17 youth receiving Confirmation. Deacon Corey Bruns will be ordained Saturday, May 22, 2021.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Peggy Bellew (Mark Heinz on her behalf)

Mark Heinz reported the next Social Concerns meeting is April 29, 2021.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand (Fr. Jerry on her behalf)

Fr. Jerry announced Holly Pfeifer is the new Cathedral Preschool Director. Fr. Jerry commended retiring Director, Pam Weafer for her 27 years of excellent service. Bonnie Stewart is also retiring from the Preschool. One candidate from our RCIA program joined the church at the Easter Vigil.

E. Youth – Samantha Taylor Kaai

No report.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughn reported the Spring CleanUp Day is April 24, 2021, from 8:00 am-12:00pm. Mark Heinz and Jim Duffy repaired and painted the trellis on the rectory porch. A new and extended fence has been erected at the Youth House. Russell reported security cameras and audio have been installed at the Preschool.

G. Marketing and Communications - David Hemingway

No report.

H. Community and Family Enrichment – Kelsey Rhodes and Kathryn Wimsatt

No report.

V. Long-Range Plan – Donna Murphy

No report

VI. Stewardship Update – Donna Tarantino

Donna Tarantino reported that out of 570 TTT packets mailed out we have received 257; that represents about a 45% return to date. Training for those who have signed up for Liturgical Ministries is underway. Regular scheduling of liturgical ministers has resumed. She stated we were blessed with many volunteers for our Holy Week/Easter liturgies. Maggie Knoop has retired as coordinator for the soup kitchen at the Pitino Shelter. Groups may resume cooking meals. Our St. Ben's parish team continues to be active with Lori Hicks as leader.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry commented on the 6 recent funerals held at our parish. He announced the Holy Week Services were beautiful. He thanked Tommy Fulkerson for cleaning the parking lot after any snow fall. Tommy refuses to accept a donation for his hard work. He reported Beni Howell resigned at the beginning of February. Crissy Stevenson has been hired as our Pastoral Assistant. She will continue holding Baptismal classes and will be in charge of preparing students for Confirmation. In June, Fr. Michael Charles will be replacing Fr. Sinoj.

X. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

Deacon Richard Murphy was wished a Happy April Birthday.

XI. Adjourn

The next meeting is June 10, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar