

**Minutes of the 485th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
GoToMeeting - Virtual Meeting**

August 13, 2020

Members Present: Fr. Jerry Riney, Samantha Taylor-Kaai, David Hemingway, Peggy Bellew, LaWanna Brand, Brenda Clark, Mark Heinz, Kelsey Rhodes, Steven Roby, Russell Vaughn, Kathryn Wimsatt

Members Absent:

Parish Team: Fr. Sinoj, Deacon Richard Murphy, Eddy McFarland, Donna Murphy, Donna Tarantino,

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Samantha Taylor-Kaai, chair, opened the “COVID-19” virtual meeting at 6:10 pm.

II. Scripture - *At Home with the Word*

PPC members read and reflected on the Scripture Readings for August 16, 2020.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the June 11, 2020, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports - Samantha Taylor-Kaai

A. Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz

No report. Eddy McFarland presented the Financial Accountability Report for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. He reported our regular Sunday collections exceeded our budget projection by over \$65,000, and increased by more than \$67,000 over the prior year. Many repairs were made due to water leakage in both the interior and exterior of the church. Significant work was done on the electrical system in the rectory. He stated over 50% of collections is from WeShare.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Brenda Clark

No report.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Peggy Bellew

Peggy Bellew reported that our St. Vincent DePaul Conference has been very active. Larry Lyon became Conference President in April. In the last few months three grants were obtained by St. Vincent DePaul. They received \$600. from the Capital Campaign for Human Development, the Energy Food & Shelter Program grant was \$6,828. And, the Green River Area COVID 19 Response Fund provided \$100,000 to be shared by eight Conferences. The great challenge is socially distancing from clients, and they are conducting interviews by phone.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanna Brand stated the Cathedral Preschool will begin the school year on September 8, 2020. They are limited to 10 students per class; so, they have added some afternoon classes with 2 rooms divided with a temporary divider. They are remodeling and are moving their office space into what were storage closets and are creating an extra classroom. Student numbers fluctuate daily between 85 to 90. More than 1/3 of students will stay for WrapAround after their Preschool class. They have purchased a fogger and are needing to create more outside space. They are looking for substitute teachers.

E. Youth – Samantha Taylor-Kaai

No report. Eddy McFarland announced Youth Activities included Kickball night on July 29, 2020, and Sidewalk Chalk and Popsicles on August 5, 2020. The Fall Youth Ministry will look differently in order to comply with the guidelines for gathering outside of the Liturgy. Chrissy Stevenson will put youth in grades 7-12 into small groups. The guidelines from the diocese are encouraging as many activities to be held outside as possible. The possibility of expanding the back yard of the Youth House will allow for more activities for larger groups to happen on our church grounds.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

No report.

G. Marketing and Communications - David Hemingway

David Hemingway reported his committee has a draft of the 2020 Christmas ornament. The image portrayed is the front of the tabernacle.

H. Capital Campaign/Porch Renovation – Steven Roby (Eddy McFarland on his behalf)

Eddy McFarland announced that the Campaign wraps up in December and 98% has been collected.

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

Fr. Jerry began a discussion concerning the upcoming annual Dedication/Anniversary on September 6, 2020. Due to Covid-19 we cannot celebrate with a dinner/banquet and have opted not to have a raffle. Fr. Jerry stated there will be a more spiritual emphasis with the celebration. Kathryn Wimsatt suggested that burgoo should still be part of the celebration. She will chair a burgoo committee. The following PPC members agreed to serve on the committee: Brenda Clark, Kelsey Rhodes, and David Hemingway.

V. Long-Range Plan – Donna Murphy

No report.

VI. Stewardship Update – Donna Tarantino

Donna Tarantino reported a campaign to promote WeShare has begun. E-mails and postcards are being sent to parishioners to encourage the use of WeShare. Donna stated that since January 1, 2020, there have been 15 new families to join St. Stephen Cathedral.

VII. New Business

Eddy McFarland announced the parish team would like to purchase a new sound system. The added benefits include: a better synchronization between audio and video in live streaming, the organ/piano/choir will be part of the system, will be able to hear responses from congregation, will have the ability to control the volume remotely, and will be blue-toothed enabled. The estimated cost is \$23,000. We still have unspent money that could be used for the sound system.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. Fr. Sinoj Comments

None

X. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry reported Aaron Pierce made a donation to our parish of over 100 Cathedral pewter Christmas ornaments that were made as a fundraiser for Imagination Library. Fr. Jerry stated in order to stay connected to the church community he has made many One Calls, the Parish team have produced Daily Scripture videos, and a letter has been mailed monthly. Due to the COVID-19 situation Fr. Jerry asked members to stay on the Council until June 30, 2021. Some members are discerning but the following agreed to the extended term: Peggy Bellew, Kathryn Wimsatt, Mark Heinz, David Hemingway, and Brenda Clark.

XI. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

Richard and Donna Murphy and Duncan and Samantha Kaai were wished a Happy August Anniversary. Kathryn Wimsatt was wished a Happy August Birthday. Fr. Jerry was wished a Happy Ordination Anniversary.

XII. Adjourn

The next meeting is tentatively September 10, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar