

**Minutes of the 512th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office**

August 8, 2024

Members Present: Fr. John Thomas, David Danhauer, Lauren Calhoun, LaWanna Brand, Katie Pagan, John Wright

Members Absent: Dirk Dooper, Russell Vaughn

Parish Team: Fr. Shibu, Donna Murphy

I. Call to Order

David Danhauer, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

II. Prayer

Fr. Shibu led the PPC in prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the June 13, 2024, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – David Danhauer

A. Parish Finance Committee – David Danhauer

David Danhauer reported the committee reviewed the year end numbers with the budget being \$45,000. in the black.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun

Lauren Calhoun announced the choir will start back up in September. Donna Murphy stated the 98th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Stephen Church will be September 7, 2024.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Fr. John Thomas (on behalf of Dirk Dooper)

Fr. John Thomas stated our St. Vincent DePaul volunteers are taking calls only on Mondays and Thursdays. Deacon Richard Murphy has been asked to chair the Social Concerns Committee.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanna Brand announced the Pray & Play Group will meet again on August 22, 2024. Registration forms for Faith Formation and First Sacraments are expected back by August 15, 2024. Jennifer Welch will be the 5th Grade Catechist. Julie Best is returning as the First Sacrament Catechist. After 20 years of service, Molly Harris, is stepping away from Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Jessica Lusk will be taking her spot. There will be a Family Bible Story Adventure on September 21, 2024, with 4 rotations of 4 different books and amazing storytellers. Karina, Rick, and Cheryl are planning “Serve Saturday” on the 1st Saturday of the month. There will be service opportunities for people of all ages. Preschool registration numbers are high at 357.

David Danhauer added OCIA will start back on August 14, 2024. He also stated 10 to 12 men are attending “The Search” on Saturday mornings.

E. Youth – Katie Pagan

Katie Pagan reported the Youth Ministry Open House will be August 25, 2024. High School girls were treated at Tropical Smoothie for a back to school gathering. Communion and Coffee for young adults will start back up in August. A group of young adults are attended the National Eucharistic Congress. They are on fire and ready to bring the revival to the parish.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Fr. John Thomas (on behalf of Russell Vaughn)

Fr. John Thomas reported the Feasibility Study has begun and will take 2 weeks to complete. Then, the information will be compiled. The report should be ready by September.

G. Community and Family Enrichment – John Wright

No report.

V. New Business

Lauren Calhoun announced there were a substantial number of nominations for PPC members. She is waiting to verify which nominees are interested in serving. Five names will be drawn at the 8:30 am Mass on August 11, 2024. Their term will begin at the September 12, 2024, meeting. Coming off the Council in August is LaWanna Brand, Lauren Calhoun, Russell Vaughn, and John Wright.

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. Action Items

Moving forward on the Facility Study and Report

VIII. Pastor's Report

Fr. John Thomas stated the Eucharistic Congress was a profoundly beautiful gathering that was an altering experience. Cheryl, Rick, Karina, and Alex are looking at next year's calendar of activities, events, and prayers and connect them to the Congress. The focus is to go out and serve. Fr. Shibu will be in India from October 21 – November 25, 2024.

IX. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

Happy August 20th Birthday to Dirk Dooper. Happy August 6th Wedding Anniversary to Deacon Richard and Donna Murphy.

X. Closing Prayer

Fr. John Thomas led the PPC in a closing prayer.

XI. Adjourn

The next meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar