

Minutes of the 456th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council

December 8, 2016

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

Members Absent: John Calhoun, Bo Ivey, John McNulty

Parish Team: Fr. Jamie Dennis, Corey Bruns

I. Opening

Christy Ellis, chair, opened the meeting at 7:15 PM. The meeting began with a prayer from the book, *At Home with the Word*. The minutes were approved as written for the November 10, 2016, meeting.

II. Stewardship Report

Fr. Jerry reported that as of December 8, 2016, 265 of the 590 Time, Talent, and Treasure forms had been returned to the parish office. This is a 45% return rate. A letter will go out to those that did not return a form.

III. Liturgy and Worship Report

Christy Ellis announced our parish Communal Reconciliation Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 18, 2016. The Art and Environment Committee will be decorating the church at 1:00 PM on December 23, 2016. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25, 2017. A Hymn Festival and Prayer Service will be held at St. Stephen Cathedral on January 19, 2017. It is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Invitations are being sent to many area churches and their choirs.

IV. Finance Report

Lottie Miller stated the Bishop has asked parishes to contribute to the St. Francis of Assisi Parish building fund. The church in Guthrie, KY was destroyed by fire. The Catholic Relief Society has offered a matching grant up to \$50,000. The PPC made a recommendation to the Finance Committee to commit a total of \$5,000 towards this effort. There is already \$2,000 set aside from last year's budget for this project. A notice will be placed in the bulletin to give parishioners the opportunity to donate. The remaining amount not raised can be withdrawn from the parish charitable account.

V. Education Report

Haley Fitzgerald reported there was a good turnout for the December 4, 2016, St. Nicholas party. The March 24-26, 2017, Koinonia lay directors are Taylor and Katelyn West. Carl Lewis is the assistant director. Fr. Jerry encouraged PPC members to participate in this parish retreat. Bo Ivey is planning a social security event for educational purposes on February 16, 2017.

VI. Community and Family Enrichment Report

Teresa Brown announced the Parish Christmas Open House will be in the rectory on December 31, 2016, from 6:30-8:30 PM. The PPC Christmas party will be 6:00 PM on January 6, 2017. The Epiphany celebration will be held on January 8, 2017. Carols and vespers will be at 4:00 PM and the dinner at 5:00 PM. PPC members will help with clean up. Teresa Brown reported her findings on reverse raffles. After discussion, the PPC made a recommendation to not schedule a parish picnic in 2017 and explore other ways to build community and raise funds.

VII. Communications Report

Christy Ellis announced a new church envelope has been created for Arts at the Cathedral. It will help pay for the annual symphony performance held at the Cathedral.

VIII. Buildings and Grounds Report

Fr. Jerry gave a porch and restrooms update. There are preliminary plans for the restrooms. Discussion was held concerning the elevator to the choir loft. The cost estimate now is \$400,000. Work will be done to help with rain water drainage off the Cathedral roof. Ron Bornander reported our insurance company paid for new roofs on three buildings.

IX. Social Concerns Report

Mark Heinz reported the Social Concerns Committee met with Kim Jagoe. She informed them about Adreinne's House which is a shelter for homeless women at 4th and Crabtree Street. She explained Simple Path Restaurant which is a reverse soup kitchen. Kate Abney will coordinate a fundraiser for Birthright. The Giving Tree gifts are due on December 11, 2016.

X. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry reported every family will receive the book *Resisting Happiness*, at the Christmas Masses. PPC members committed themselves to distribute the books. He will be in Santa Fe, NM, from January 9-13, 2017, for a Cathedral Conference. He will also be away January 16-19, 2017, for the Priest Convocation at St. Meinard. Fr. Jamie will be saying Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on December 13, 2016. It is the Feast of St. Lucy and it will be a Mass for the blind.

XI. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ron Bornander, Bo Ivey, and Donna Murphy were wished a Happy December Birthday. Deacon Dirck celebrated his Ordination Anniversary on December 8th. Ron and Cindy Bornander are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on December 24th. John and Emily McNulty are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on December 30th.

XII. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar