

**Minutes of the 457th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

February 9, 2017

Members Present: Fr. Jerry Riney, Christy Ellis, Mark Heinz, Ron Bornander, John Calhoun, Haley Fitzgerald, Bo Ivey

Members Absent: Teresa Brown, John McNulty, Lottie Miller

Parish Team: Fr. Jamie Dennis, Corey Bruns

I. Opening

Christy Ellis, chair, opened the meeting at 6:05 PM. The minutes were approved as written for the December 8, 2016, meeting.

II. Scripture - *At Home with the Word*

PPC members read and discussed the Gospel for February 12, 2017.

III. Stewardship Report

Christy Ellis reported that as of January 27, 2017, 327 of the 591 Time, Talent, and Treasure forms has been returned to the parish office. The goal is to contact every person that did not respond. There have been multiple training dates for the various ministries. The PPC thanked Mike Weafer for being the manager of the Schedule Pro software program.

IV. Liturgy and Worship Report

John Calhoun stated the Liturgy Committee met and established the times for Good Friday Services. They will be 3:00 PM at the Cathedral and 7:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament. He also reported there will be 2 Baptisms on Holy Saturday. The Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesdays after the 12:05 PM Mass and at 6:00 PM on Fridays. The PPC will lead the Stations on March 3, 2017. Haley Fitzgerald, Mark Heinz, and John Calhoun volunteered to be there.

V. Finance Report

Christy Ellis shared the Finance Report minutes from the January meeting. The parish received a hail damage check for \$21,000.00 from the insurance company. The Cedar Street property building will be used for storage. The LLC account has been closed and a \$10,000.00 check was delivered to the parish. Beginning in January there will be income and expenses on the rental properties. This account has been put on deposit with the diocese for the use of the Cathedral. Bill Castlen will continue to manage these properties. There are eight properties with five having buildings on them. The PPC thanked Eddy McFarland for the new budget format in the bulletin.

VI. Education Report

Haley Fitzgerald reported there has been a good turnout for *The Pivotal Players*, a multipart film series. The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky was highly successful. Thank you notes from the PPC will be sent to our parishioners that planned the 2017 Conference. The Parish/Koinonia Retreat will be held March 24-26, 2017.

VII. Community and Family Enrichment Report

Fr. Jerry announced the Parish Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017, from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Community Center. Approximately 350 families had their picture taken for the Pictorial Directory. A new member welcoming reception was held on February 2, 2017. Discussion was held concerning a scaled down parish picnic to be held after the 5:00 PM Mass on September 16, 2017. Glenn Thompson and his team have agreed to cook burgoo. A coordinator is needed to conduct the raffle.

VIII. Communications Report

Bo Ivey reported Kathy Wright is new chair of Communications Committee. An OSO concert at the Cathedral will be February 19, 2017, at 4:00 PM. Arts at the Cathedral church envelopes are in the pews. Social Security Planning Seminar is February 16, 2017.

IX. Buildings and Grounds Report

Fr. Jerry reported that work is being done to close off the kitchen from the rest of the Community Center.

X. Social Concerns Report

Mark Heinz thanked Kate Abney for chairing the Birthright Baby Bottle Fundraiser. The St. Stephen Soup Kitchen, at the Daniel Pitino Shelter, is staffed by our parish volunteers on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Outreach opportunities during Lent will support Crossroads, Adrienne's House, Help Office, International Center, St. Stephen Soup Kitchen, and the Backpack Ministry.

XI. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry shared the 2017 calendar published by The Xavier Society for the Blind. Fr. Jamie was featured in this calendar. Fr. Jerry provided insights concerning the USCB Letter on Immigration. The USCB is against the immigration ban. Fr. Jerry will be away on vacation from February 19-24, 2017. Nomination forms for the New PPC are due on April 3, 2017. The two discernment and formation sessions will be held on April 17, and April 30, 2017. There will be a combo meeting in June between the old and the new PPC. Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017. Members were asked to sign up to distribute ashes. Fr. Jerry encouraged everyone to be resolute about growing spiritually during Lent.

XII. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Teresa Brown and Fr. Jerry were wished a Happy February Birthday.

XIII. Adjournment

The next meeting is March 30, 2017, and will be for March and April. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar