

Minutes of the 472nd Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council

January 10, 2019

Members Present: Fr. Jerry Riney, Pat Serey, Samantha Kaai, Peggy Bellew, LaWanna Brand, Brenda Clark, Mark Heinz, David Hemingway, Kelsey Rhodes, Russell Vaughn, Nick Warren, Kathryn Wimsatt

Members Absent: Steven Roby

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

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Pat Serey, chair, opened the meeting at 6:10 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the November 8, 2018, meeting.

III. Scripture – *At Home with the Word*

PPC members read and discussed the Gospel for January 13, 2019. Fr. Jerry asked members to reflect on what their baptism means to them and what is holiness.

IV. Liaison Reports – Samantha Kaai

A. Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz

Mark reported the current budget is ahead by \$17,824.00. The Casino Night to benefit the Preschool netted \$24,583. The PPC thanks Larry Lyon for all his work on this project. The parish is in compliance with the Diocesan Financial Audit. It was found some areas need improvement. Kristine Henning will assume oversight responsibility.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Brenda Clark

Brenda reported the “undecorating” of the church would take place after the 11:00 am Mass on January 13, 2019. Deacon Dirck discussed the consecration of the Holy Spirit via St. Therese. Deacon Dirck leads the 33 Days to Merciful Love meetings which began on January 9, 2019. They will meet at 6:00 PM in the Community Center for five consecutive Wednesdays. St. Stephen Parish will host the Ecumenical Prayer Service on January 27, 2019, at 4:00 PM. We will also host a meal in the rectory for Ministers. Fr. Ray Clark, as Diocesan liaison to the Office of Ecumenism, is coordinating this event.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Peggy Bellew

Peggy announced Joe Abel will organize the Birthright Baby Bottle Project. The bottles will be distributed on January 12-13, 2019. The next Social Concerns Meeting is January 24, 2019. The PPC is invited on January 23, 2019, to celebrate St. Benedict volunteers. This is being organized by Laurie Hicks. Fr. Jerry reported Kathleen Johnson and Molly Harris, backpack chairs, have been asked by Hager Preschool to provide 35 instead of 30 bags of food for children.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanna stated 144 parishioners have signed up for FORMED.org. This number is static. She reported 8 children are preparing for 1st Communion and 16 for Confirmation. Ellen Aud, Coordinator for Religious Ed, is doing a good job and needs more space. Thursday night Scripture Sharing is suspended for now. Holy Family Prayer Partner letters have been mailed to parishioners. Speaker, Edward Sri, will present “Keep the Faith,” on February 1, 2019.

E. Youth – Nick Warren

Nick Warren reported on Chrissy Stevenson’s updates. See attached sheet.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughan announced the Spring Clean Up Day date will be announced.

The progress on the front porch has been amazing. The house on 7th and Cedar has been razed and the lot seeded. The Community Garden will be planted with Don Houle’s help.

G. Marketing and Communications - David Hemingway

David Hemingway reported the Christmas Ornaments were sold in the church after Masses and sales went well. The Letters to Patrons of Art at Cathedral will be sent after the January 23, 2019, meeting. OSO will perform at the Cathedral on February 10, 2019, at a cost of \$5,900.00. Fr. Jerry gave the Invocation at the February Chamber Rooster Booster Meeting. There will be a February collection envelope for Arts at Cathedral.

H. Capital Campaign/Porch Renovation – Steven Roby (Donna T on his behalf)

Donna Tarantino reported on the Capital Campaign. See attached sheet.

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

Kelsey and Kathryn reported approximately 70 people attended the Christmas Open House.

The PPC Party was great and catered by Nona's Market. Help is needed for the Staff Party.

Approximately 65 people attended the Epiphany Party. It was also a celebration of Fr. Sinoj's 11th Ordination Anniversary.

V. Discipleship Time, Talent and Treasure for 2019 Report – Donna Tarantino

Donna presented her report on Time, Talent, and Treasure. See attached sheet.

VI. New Business – Long Range Plan, facilitated by LPi

Donna Tarantino reported on the process using LPi for long range planning. See attached sheet.

VII. Unfinished Business

None noted

VIII. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry reported 260 U.S. Bishops met in Chicago for a Retreat called by Pope Francis. The Diocesan Priests' Convocation is January 14-17, 2019, at St. Meinrad. Fr. Jerry is attending the Cathedral Rector's Conference January 14-17, 2019, in Seattle. Two people have requested action regarding active shooter response. The Sheriff's office has been contacted but a date for a presentation has not been chosen. Fr. Sinoj is doing a great job with the sick and shut ins. Fr. Jerry is going to India for 3 weeks with Fr. Suneesh and will return on February 20, 2019. Fr. Jerry led a discussion concerning the Christmas Liturgies. For Christmas 2019 there will be only one Mass on Christmas morning at 9:00 am. The church was beautiful and the new nativity scene area worked well.

IX. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations

Fr. Sinoj celebrated his 11th Ordination on January 6. Donna Murphy and David Hemingway were wished a Happy December Birthday! LaWanna Brand, Samantha Kaai, and Margie Ebelhar were wished a Happy January Birthday!

X. Adjournment

The next meeting is March 14, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tarantino for Margie Ebelhar