

**Minutes of the 489th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Fr. John Vaughan Community Center**

June 10, 2021

Members Present: Fr. Sinoj, Samantha Taylor-Kaai, David Hemingway, LaWanna Brand, Brenda Clark, Mark Heinz, Kelsey Rhodes, Russell Vaughn, Kathryn Wimsatt

Members Absent: Peggy Bellew

Parish Team: Holly Pfeifer, Eddy McFarland, Donna Tarantino

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Samantha Taylor-Kaai, chair, opened the meeting at 6:08 pm.

II. Scripture – *At Home with the Word.*

Fr. Sinoj led us in prayer. PPC members read and reflected on the 1st Reading and the Gospel for June 13, 2021.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the April 8, 2021, meeting.

IV. Welcome to New Staff

Holly Pfeifer, the new director of Cathedral Preschool, was welcomed. This past year she worked as a lead teacher at the school. She has worked closely with Pam since her spring hiring as director. Holly reported there is a great staff in place and 97 children are registered for the new school year. Donna Tarantino reported Fr. John Thomas has met with the staff. He will be arriving on July 13, 2021.

V. Liaison Reports – Samantha Taylor Kaai

A. Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz

Eddy McFarland presented the finance committee's recommended Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budgets for St. Stephen Cathedral and the Cathedral Preschool. Eddy highlighted the following items concerning the budget: collections are budgeted for \$1,140,000., staff salaries include filling the currently vacant position of Youth Minister, the Diocesan Assessment has a 5% increase, and the Owensboro Catholic School assessment has approximately 1.7% increase.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Brenda Clark

Brenda Clark reported Covid restrictions have been lifted except for receiving the Precious Blood and shaking hands at the sign of peace. She stated the Confirmation liturgy and music were beautiful. Fr. Sinoj added we need liturgical ministers. Fr. Sinoj stated Stations of the Cross will take place after the 12:05 Mass on First Fridays.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Peggy Bellew (Mark Heinz on her behalf)

Mark Heinz reported the next Social Concerns meeting is August 19, 2021.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

No report. Donna Tarantino stated Mary Ann Joyce, Retreat Director at the Mount, is planning on starting a woman's group in our parish.

E. Youth – Samantha Taylor Kaai

No report.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughn reported the Spring CleanUp Day was a success and the grounds are beautiful. He added new windows are being installed at the Youth House. Spring cleaning is underway at the rectory and new furniture will be purchased for the rectory.

G. Marketing and Communications - David Hemingway

No report.

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

Kathryn Wimsatt stated all of the spots in the Community Garden have been taken. She reported the parish hosted a family and friends' dinner for Fr. Corey Bruns the night before his ordination. Moonlite catered the dinner party for 30 people in the Community Center. Bern Tooley is retiring from the tablecloth ministry. The PPC discussed Fr. Jerry's upcoming PPC retirement party. Donna Tarantino announced the Ice Cream Social is June 26, 2021, after the 4:30 pm Mass. If the weather is nice it will be held on the lawn in front of the parish office; if inclement weather it will be moved to the Community Center. Discussion was held concerning a welcome celebration for Fr. John Thomas. A meal will be furnished at our August PPC meeting with Fr. John Thomas.

VI. Long-Range Plan – Donna Murphy

No report

VII. Stewardship Update – Donna Tarantino

Donna Tarantino reported with Covid restrictions lifted we will activate those ministries that were inactive during Covid.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Unfinished Business

None

X. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Sinoj requested that we all aid in making Fr. John Thomas feel welcome and introduce him to members of our faith community. PPC members expressed their happiness that Fr. Sinoj is staying with the parish.

XI. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

David and Sarah Hemingway were wished a Happy May Anniversary. Brenda and Sy Clark were wished a Happy June Wedding Anniversary. Fr. Sinoj was wished a Happy June Birthday.

XII. Adjourn

The next meeting is August 12, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar