

**Minutes of the 484th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
GoToMeeting - Virtual Meeting**

June 11, 2020

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

Members Absent: Peggy Bellew, Brenda Clark, Steven Roby

Parish Team: Fr. Sinoj, Eddy McFarland, Donna Murphy, Donna Tarantino, Seminarian Christopher Grief

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Samantha Taylor-Kaai, chair, opened the “COVID-19” virtual meeting at 6:06 pm. Seminarian Christopher Grief was welcomed to the parish.

II. Scripture - *At Home with the Word*

PPC members read and reflected on the Scripture Readings for June 14, 2020.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the May 14, 2020, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports - Samantha Taylor-Kaai

A. Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz

No report. Eddy McFarland presented the finance committee recommended Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. Eddy reported there is a slight increase in the projected revenue from collections. The salaries for priests are flat and there is just a small increase in salaries for staff. There is a slight increase in the OCS assessment and a decrease in the Diocesan assessment. The PPC approved the recommended budget.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Brenda Clark (Fr. Jerry on her behalf)

Fr. Jerry reported 35 priests recently had a Zoom meeting with the Bishop. All parishes, including ours, are struggling finding liturgical ministers. People have been slower coming back to Mass than was anticipated. The PPC discussed how to solve the minister shortage.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Peggy Bellew (Eddy McFarland on her behalf)

Eddy McFarland stated the Owensboro Diocese has asked parishes to consider sponsoring a blood drive. SSC is scheduled to have a blood drive on July 9, 2020, in the Community Center.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanna Brand announced Pam Weafer is working on following the state guidelines for opening Cathedral Preschool in the Fall. The Preschool will follow the OCS and Daviess County Public School schedule. Remodeling needs to be done and everything at this point is up in the air. Fr. Jerry reported Hannah, Crissy, and Rick have worked together on “Celebrate Your Faith,” a 4-week whole church catechesis.

E. Youth – Samantha Taylor-Kaai

Fr. Jerry reported 16 students were confirmed on April 10, 2020. Two more will be confirmed with the adults on Sunday June 14, 2020.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughan reported repairs have been completed in the church. He asked a thank you be sent to Wilkerson Plastering for a job well done and their donation. The Community Garden is well tended. They have been making remodeling plans for the Preschool. They have a group sanitizing after every Mass. Jeff Payne has a fogger on back order.

G. Marketing and Communications - David Hemingway

No report.

H. Capital Campaign/Porch Renovation – Steven Roby (Eddy McFarland on his behalf)

Eddy McFarland announced that the Campaign is on target and \$33,000.00 in outstanding pledges.

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

Kathryn Wimsatt began a discussion concerning the upcoming annual Dedication/Anniversary celebration. The PPC decided not to have a raffle. A steering committee headed by Kathryn Wimsatt and Kelsey Rhodes will plan the celebration with building community as a focus.

V. Long-Range Plan – Donna Murphy

No report.

VI. Stewardship Update – Donna Tarantino

Donna Tarantino reported giving is going well in all areas. The team for St. Benedict's is still preparing food and in a couple of weeks will restart their companionship work. The Soup Kitchen is still functioning.

VII. New Business

Fr. Jerry introduced Christopher Grief, a seminarian doing his 10-week summer internship with SSC. Donna Murphy will be his supervisor. Christopher gave a detailed description of what he has been doing with the parish since his arrival on May 25, 2020.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. Fr. Sinoj Comments

Fr. Sinoj reported he is trying to contact the shut-ins and people in the hospital by phone. Due to COVID he is still unable to make home or hospital visits.

X. Pastor's Comments

Fr. Jerry stated the generosity of the parish has been amazing. He reported several people have been nominated for PPC. He asked members of the PPC to stay on the Council until at least September. He asked how the PPC could reach out to people. Corey Brun's ordination to the diaconate will be June 20, 2020, at 10:00 am. The private ceremony will be livestreamed. There will also be a private Vespers and a Holy Hour on June 19, 2020, at 6:00 pm.

XI. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

Brenda and Sy Clark were wished a Happy June Anniversary. Fr. Sinoj was wished a Happy June Birthday.

XII. Adjourn

The next meeting is tentatively August 13, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar