

**Minutes of the 494th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office**

March 17, 2022

Members Present: Fr. John Thomas, David Hemingway, LaWanna Brand, Lauren Calhoun, Brenda Clark, Mark Heinz, Kelsey Rhodes, Russell Vaughn, John Wright

Members Absent: Lauren Brown, Kelsey Rhodes

Parish Team: Fr. Sinoj, Donna Murphy

I. Welcome and Call to Order

David Hemingway, chair, opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

II. Prayer

Fr. John Thomas led the PPC in prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the February 10, 2022, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – David Hemingway

A. Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz

Mark Heinz reported collections are \$21,184 above the budgeted amount. The following are the totals to date for other collections: Diocese of Mandeville \$2,5993, Tornado Relief \$43,815, Ukraine Relief \$7,345, Heralds of Good News \$2,251. The fiscal year-to-date Cathedral Food pantry collection is \$13,930 and Backpack Ministry is \$4,956. The Diocesan Audit of the parish has been completed; the final meeting with the auditor is March 24, 2022.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun (Margie Ebelhar on her behalf)

Margie Ebelhar stated a piano has been purchased for the choir loft and delivery has been arranged. Volunteers have been secured for all Friday Stations of the Cross. We need ministers for all Holy Week Masses and services.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Samantha Taylor -Kaai

Samantha Kaai announced highlights from her written report. Larry Lyon gave the Social Concerns Committee a detailed 2021 report of the St. Vincent de Paul Society work through St. Stephen Cathedral. The Cathedral Food Pantry is open 5 days a week and is exploring the possibility of joining The Tri-State Food Bank. St. Vincent de Paul will not be providing temporary housing during 2022. The Community Garden is being coordinated by Mark and Martha Sims, with different families tending to one plot. The next Social Concerns meeting will be held on May 19, 2022.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanna Brand reported 21 youth signed up for Youth 2000 including 7 non-Cathedral members, and 2 young adults. The Book of Revelations Study group has 12-14 people. Grandparents Day was celebrated at Cathedral Preschool the week of March 14, 2022.

E. Youth – Kelsey Rhodes (David Hemingway on her behalf)

At the beginning of our meeting Kelsey Rhodes delivered Hudson Samuel Rhodes at 6:00 pm at Owensboro Health. He was 8 lbs, 5 oz, and 21 inches long. The PPC members were able to view a picture of our youngest parish member. In her written report Kelsey reported there are two adults interested in helping with youth activities. Karina is coordinating their training with Charlie Hardesty at the Diocesan office.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughn reported our Building & Grounds Supervisor, Jeff Payne, last day is April 1, 2022. Bruce's Tri-state Roofing is looking at the Bell Tower. A redesign for the Baptismal Font is being considered. The repairs to the Rose Window and various interior walls are scheduled for after Easter.

The addition of a small sewage pump in the Bridal Suite to help with the backup problems has been delayed. Acme Plumbing has not been able to obtain the needed parts for the project. A new water heater is being installed in the “upper” kitchen in the Community Center, at a cost of approximately \$6,200. Parishioner Dean Behnke and structural engineer Ted Lolley are consulting with an architect concerning the improvements to the elevator. The church cleaners’ date has been changed to April 18, 2022. Spring Cleanup is April 23, 2022, from 8:00-12:00 pm.

G. Marketing and Communications – John Wright

No report.

H. Community and Family Enrichment – Brenda Clark

Brenda Clark announced Donna Murphy had reached out to Amanda Reffitt and informed her the staff would send people her way to better utilize the Meal Train. Brenda reported “Welcome Sunday” returned on Sunday March 6, 2022. The following dates were set for the Welcome Reception for new parishioners: April 30, May 21, June 4, and June 25, 2022. Volunteers are needed for the March 25, 2022, Fish Fry. The February 24, 2022, Synod had a low turnout. That Man is You is held 7:30 am on Saturdays.

V. New Business

None

VI. Unfinished Business

Fr. John Thomas announced he and Eddy McFarland are assembling a Long-Range Planning Committee.

VII. Pastor’s Comments

Fr. John Thomas stated the staff is in flux and to keep them in prayer. We will have a seminarian here for Holy Week and we will have a seminarian for this summer. Fr. Sinoj is leaving for India on April 18, 2022, and will return June 9, 2022.

VIII. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

Lauren Calhoun was wished a Happy March 29 Birthday!

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. Sinoj

Fr. Sinoj led the PPC in a closing prayer.

X. Adjourn

The next meeting is April 7, 2022. It will be held in the Conference Room at the Parish office; please use the Staff entrance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar