

**Minutes of the 496th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office**

May 12, 2022

Members Present: Fr. John Thomas, David Hemingway, Lauren Calhoun, Brenda Clark, Mark Heinz, Samantha Taylor Kaai, Kelsey Rhodes,

Members Absent: LaWanna Brand, Russell Vaughn, John Wright

Parish Team: Donna Murphy

I. Welcome and Call to Order

David Hemingway, chair, opened the meeting at 6:02 pm.

II. Prayer

Fr. John Thomas led the PPC in prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the May 12, 2022, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – David Hemingway

A. Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz

Mark Heinz reported actual collections of \$985,465.00 are \$1,070.00 below the budgeted amount. The following are the totals to date for other collections: \$17,468.00 for the Cathedral Food Pantry, and \$6,446.00 for the Backpack Ministry. Fr. John Thomas reported the Food Pantry will be paring down and not handing out 3 bags of food at a time.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun

Lauren Calhoun reported the parish is gearing up for Pentecost and Confirmation. On the Feast of Corpus Christie June 18-19, our diocese will resume the practice of the communal cup and communion on the tongue. Corpus Christie will begin the year of Eucharistic Revival.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Samantha Taylor -Kaai

Samantha Taylor Kaai announced St. Vincent de Paul has been very busy. She is hoping that in the future St. Stephen parishioners will be able to sign up and pair together to volunteer at Crossroad Emergency Shelter.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand (David Hemingway on her Behalf)

David Hemingway reported the Cathedral Preschool promotion/graduation ceremonies will be May 16 and 17, 2022. The school had 94 students this year and are almost at full capacity for next school year. There are 3 staff openings for next year. The school's 5-star quality rating with the Kentucky All-Stars early childhood quality rating system was renewed this year. LaWanna Brand has been invited and plans on going to Murray to talk to Fr. Josh McCarty's church about Stephen Ministry.

E. Youth – Kelsey Rhodes

Kelsey Rhodes reported 22 kids are registered for camp at Gasper River this summer. One youth has registered for the mission experience through the diocese, Mission: Eucharistic Life. The last meeting for Confirmation prep was last week. A young adult women's small group that is up to 12 women meet every Tuesday. Fifteen to twenty-five young adults from Cathedral attended Theology on Tap. The last young adult social gathering before summer will be May 19, 2022, and will be cooking with Fr. John.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn (Mark Heinz on his behalf)

Mark Heinz reported an initial estimate for improvements to the elevator has been received: it is in the range of \$550,000-\$725,000. Fr. John Thomas has asked this project to be put on hold until the Long Range Planning committee has an opportunity to consider this project. Improvements to the plumbing in the bridal suite area are still in progress. Fr. John Thomas also asked this project to be put on hold

until the Long-Range Planning Committee has an opportunity to consider the project. One of the three HVAC units in the parish office building has been recently replaced, at a cost of \$9,531.00. Fr. John Thomas has been communicating with Brother Martin from St. Meinrad concerning the Baptismal Font. He is coming to assess the situation. The new piano has been delivered and being used in the choir loft.

G. Community and Family Enrichment – Brenda Clark

Brenda Clark announced instead of having the 4 Welcome Receptions there will a Parish Patio Party on June 4, 2022, at 5:30 pm. On April 12, 2022, a post Chrism Mass dinner for the Bishop and priests was held in the Rectory with about 25 priests in attendance. On April 16, 2022, a Reception was held for the “Neophytes” followed the Easter Vigil services in the Fr. Vaughan Community Center. Sandwiches, cake, and cookies were served to seventy-five people. The Welcome Sundays are going well.

H. Long Range Planning – John Wright (Fr. John Thomas on his behalf)

Fr. John Thomas reported John Wright is heading up the Long-Term Planning Committee. He is in the process of populating the committee. Fr. John added the elevator, restrooms, plumbing and Baptismal Font are projects for this committee to consider.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. Pastor’s Report

Fr. John Thomas stated Fr. Sinoj is doing well. Fr. Sinoj is returning from India on June 10, 2022, and will be transferred on June 21, 2022. Bob Stone and Mark Hayden have both been hired full time for the maintenance position. They will divide up the responsibilities of the job. Eddy McFarland has submitted his resignation. If needed he will stay until October 31, 2022.

VII. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

David and Sara Hemingway were wished a Happy May Anniversary. Fr. John Thomas was wished a Happy May Ordination Anniversary.

VIII. Closing Prayer – Fr. John Thomas

Fr. John Thomas led the PPC in a closing prayer.

IX. Adjourn

The next meeting is June 9, 2022. It will be held in the Conference Room at the Parish office; please use the Staff entrance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar