

**Minutes of the 510th Meeting  
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council  
Conference Room at the Parish Office**

**May 2, 2024**

**Members Present:** Fr. John Thomas, David Danhauer, LaWanna Brand, Dirk Dooper, Katie Pagan, Russell Vaughn

**Members Absent:** Lauren Calhoun, John Wright

**Parish Team:** Fr. Shibu, Donna Murphy, Andrew Nunez

**I. Call to Order**

David Danhauer, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**II. Prayer**

David Danhauer led the PPC in prayer.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as written for the April 11, 2024, meeting.

**IV. Liaison Reports – David Danhauer**

**A. Parish Finance Committee – Andrew Nunez**

Andrew Nunez, parish business manager, presented the first reading of the 2024-2025 budget. The PPC discussed the preliminary budget and asked that \$30,000 be added under professional services for a possible facility study update. At the June meeting the budget will be presented as the final budget to be approved by the PPC.

**B. Liturgy and Worship – (Fr. John Thomas on behalf of Lauren Calhoun)**

Fr. John Thomas stated that in the past week we had two big funeral services for Mark Higdon and Fr. Mark Buckner. Father John Thomas said that after the funerals he heard many positive comments about our parish's hospitality and kindness. Fr. John also recognized and praised Rick Rhodes for beautifully transitioning the church environment from Lent to Easter. Fr. John announced 12 home masses were scheduled last week due to the June 1, 2024, deadline.

**C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Dirk Dooper**

No report.

**D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand**

LaWanda Brand presented Cheryl Powell's report. Over 450 people attended the First Communion Liturgy on April 28, 2024. Pray and Play has 48 members and is scheduled to meet May 23, 2024, on the St. Stephen Preschool Playground. Vacation Bible School registration is open and ends May 20, 2024. VBS is scheduled for June 10-14, from 9:00-12:00 pm. Volunteers of all ages are needed for VBS. LaWanda stated that Rick Rhodes reported the Neighborhood Walk is May 19, 2024. The Summer Feeding Program will run from May 28 thru July 23, 2024. The Eucharistic Team, formed to assist with Eucharistic Adoration and meals, met on April 30, 2024, with 10 people and staff members.

**E. Youth – Katie Pagan**

Katie Pagan presented Karina Romero's report. Confirmation is May 19, 2024, with 14 youth being confirmed. Middle School Mission week will take place this summer. Our on-campus project will include: cleaning up the Prayer Garden, helping to set up for VBS, and volunteering at the shelters. Sign ups for the Gasper Prayer Team will be available soon. Youth Small groups are done for the school year. Our Youth house needs a new basketball goal. The Young Adults had a great time at Brew Bridge Bingo. A group of young adults are attending the National Eucharistic Congress.

**F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn**

Russell Vaughn announced volunteers cleaned the Community Garden during Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

**G. Community and Family Enrichment – Fr. John Thomas (on behalf of John Wright)**

No report.

**V. New Business**

Dirk Dooper reported that Eddie McFarland, Bob Stone, and Ben Hartz took the 2002 Facility Study and looked at all the Parish Campus Buildings. They are presenting their findings to Mike Ranney at RBS.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

None

**VII. Action Items**

The second reading of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget. Progress made on an RFP for a facility study.

**VIII. Pastor's Report**

Fr. John Thomas announced the pictorial directory is being printed.

**IX. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.**

Fr. John Thomas and Fr. Shibu were wished Happy Ordination Anniversary.

**X. Closing Prayer – Fr. Shibu**

Fr. Shibu led the PPC in a closing prayer.

**XI. Adjourn**

The next meeting is Thursday, June 13, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar