**Minutes of the 470th Meeting**

**Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

**September 13, 2018**

**Members Present:** Fr. Jerry Riney, Pat Serey, Samantha Kaai, Peggy Bellew, LaWanna Brand, Brenda Clark, Mark Heinz, David Hemingway, Kelsey Rhodes, Steven Roby, Russell Vaughn, Kathryn Wimsatt

**Members Absent:** Nick Warren

**Parish Team:** Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, Deacon Dirck Curry, Donna Tarantino

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Pat Serey, chair, opened the meeting at 6:14 PM.

**II**. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as written for the June 14, 2018, meeting.

**III. Liaison Reports**

1. **Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz**

Mark reported the house at 630 Cedar Street is going to be razed. He stated currently there is 3.9%

less revenue than budgeted. The Social Concerns Committee recommends donating 2 St. Stephen

Cathedral small lots on 7th Street to Habitat for Humanity for building a house. The PPC discussed the

idea with no recommendation to the Finance Committee.

1. **Liturgy and Worship – Brenda Clark**

Brenda Clark stated the Tri-Parish Mission will be held November 5-7, 2018. The parishes involved are Blessed Mother, St. Stephen, and St. Joe and Paul. Mike Bogdan is laying the ground work for Advent. Fr. Jerry thanked the sacristans for doing a great job behind the scenes.

**C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Peggy Bellew**

Peggy Bellew announced the October Parish Mission Trip to Mandeville is on. She reported the specifically targeted collections for Advent have been determined. The Back- Pack Committee has

requested the monies donated during the Cathedral Symphony Performances be donated to the Pack - Back Program. Peggy announced a new chair is needed for the Birthright Baby Bottle Project. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is discussing the concept of centralizing to one location on Cedar Street. All of the Daviess County Conferences need to be on board.

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

LaWanna reported the first meeting of the Adult Faith Formation Team is September 23, 2018. She stated 144 parishioners have signed up for FORMED.org. The Preschool has 92 students and Tiffany Roby has been hired as a teacher. The Preschool is having a fundraising Raffle on October 1, 2018. And, a Casino Night will be at Immaculate Parish Hall on November 10, 2018. LaWanna announced Ellen Aud is the coordinator for Children Faith Formation. Danny May, Director of Marriage & Family for the Diocese of Owensboro, presented the Clean Heart Initiative Program. A decision was not made to be a Pilot Parish for the Program. However, the PPC will continue the discussion.

**E. Youth – Nick Warren (Donna Tarantino on his behalf)**

Donna Tarantino read the report prepared by Chrissy Stevenson, Director of YouthMinistry. Chrissy

held parent meetings on August 19-20, 2018. A total of 12 parents attended the meetings.

Our parish has a total of 133 registered students in grades 5 thru 12. Chrissy is visiting students at the

OCS schools. Her goal is to build relationships with the students and help be a bridge from the parish

to the schools. September 16, 2018, is Kick-Off Sunday for Youth Ministry.

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

Russell Vaughan announced the Fall Clean Up Day is Saturday, October 13, 2018. He

stated the house on the corner of Cedar and 7th Street will soon be razed. He reported work on the front

porch was going well. LeaAnn Johnson is helping to clean the church (part time) during the

Porch Project. Due to the Porch Project we purchased Portable Restrooms for $27,000.

Fr. Jerry thanked Eddy McFarland for his phone calls and research concerning the

Portable Restrooms and Jeff Payne for all his work in getting them in shape.

**G. Marketing and Communications - David Hemingway**

David Hemingway reported he has attended 2 Chamber of Commerce meetings. We were introduced at

the Chamber Rooster Booster Meeting. We will have the Ribbon Cutting when the Porch Project

is completed. The Marketing Committee is researching the possibility of advertising in local

magazines such as Owensboro Living, etc. The parish currently has an ad in the Messenger-

Inquirer. On November 15, 2018, we will have Vespers and tours as part of the Faith Fest.

The 2018 Christmas Ornament will be on sale for $25.00 at the Dedication Anniversary Dinner.

**H. Capital Campaign/Porch Renovation – Steven Roby**

Steven Roby reported the committee has not met for several months. Donna Tarantino stated

the campaign is on target.

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

Kathryn Wimsatt announced they were ready for the September 15, 2018, Dedication Anniversary

Dinner and Raffle. She reported they were still needing volunteers. PPC members volunteered for

various jobs. Amanda Kaai listed the local prizes that have been collected for the Raffle.

**IV. Review of SSC/PPC Goals – All**

Pat Serey, chair, tabled the review of our goals. However, reviewing our goals will be a priority

at the next PPC meeting.

**V. Pastor’s Comments**

Fr. Jerry announced the PPC Retreat Survey Results were overall positive. Our parish purchased 3 tables for the September 14, 2018, VOCARE Dinner at the Convention Center. The Flood Relief Collection for Kerala, India, amounted to over $9,000. Fr. Jerry reported the priests met with Bishop Medley on September 5, 2018, concerning the recent sexual abuse scandal. Fr. Jerry asked PPC Members to share their thoughts on the subject.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded with the recitation of a prayer written for these troubled times for the Catholic Church in the United States. The next meeting is October 11, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar