

**Minutes of the 486th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Zoom - Virtual Meeting**

October 8, 2020

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

Members Absent: David Hemingway, Peggy Bellew, LaWanna Brand, Brenda Clark

Parish Team: Fr. Sinoj, Deacon Richard Murphy, Eddy McFarland, Donna Murphy

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Samantha Taylor-Kaai, chair, opened the “COVID-19” virtual meeting at 6:05 pm.

II. Scripture - *At Home with the Word*

PPC members read and reflected on the Scripture Readings for October 11, 2020.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the August 13, 2020, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports - Samantha Taylor-Kaai

A. Parish Finance Committee – Mark Heinz

Eddy McFarland reported that after the first week of October our actual collections of \$305,573 are \$6,729 ahead of budget. We are over \$20,000 ahead of this time last year. The following amounts have been contributed for charity: Cathedral Food Pantry \$1,465, Backpack Ministry \$300, and Charitable Assistance \$4,091. Eddy stated we are almost at the end of our successful Keeping Safe and Secure Capital Campaign.

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

Fr. Jerry reported that SSC is praying a public rosary around the Grotto on Sunday October 11, 2020, at 3:00 pm in coordination with parishes across the country. All Saints Day is Sunday November 1, 2020. All Souls Day is November 2, 2020. SSC will conduct a Vespers Service to remember all those buried from SSC and lost loved ones of parishioners that have died in the past year. The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 8:00 am and parishioners are asked to bring groceries. On Election Day, November 3, 2020, SSC will hold a Prayer Vigil for our country. Mass will be at 7:00 am with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 8:30 am until Noon Mass. The rosary will be recited at 10:00 am. Fr. Jerry announced the results of the Sunday Mass Schedule Survey. There was a good response with approximately 175 people participating in the survey. One Sunday Mass will be eliminated.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Peggy Bellew (Samantha Taylor-Kaai on her behalf)

Samantha Taylor-Kaai announced the following are recipients of our Thanksgiving 2020 offerings: Help Office, St. Benedict’s Women & Family Service, Owensboro Regional Recovery, SSC Soup Kitchen and SSC Pantry. Samantha reported the Community Garden is a success with a good crop and several families adopted garden plots. The Blood Drive held in June 2020 was a success. Research is being conducted on a Sewing Machine Project. SSC donated \$6,000 to Habitat for Humanity. They plan on building 5 houses in the 5th Street and Sutton area. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference helped 94 families in July. The St V de Paul members were honored at the September 27, 2020, weekend Masses.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand (Samantha Taylor-Kaai on her behalf)

Samantha Taylor-Kaai reported the remodeling project at the Cathedral Preschool has been completed. The Preschool has hired 7 new assistants. The Faith Formation classes have not begun. All family activities for Faith Formation have been virtual.

E. Youth – Samantha Taylor-Kaai

Samantha Taylor-Kaai stated due to Covid-19 SSC Trunk or Treat is being replaced with a Pumpkin Extravaganza on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Pumpkin carving will begin at 2:00 pm. At 3:30 pm there

will be a neighborhood walk to deliver goody bags to our neighbors on Locust, Cedar, Walnut, and Elm Streets. Crissy Stevenson is asking for candy donations.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughn announced the Fall Cleanup Day is October 24, 2020, from 8:00 am - noon. He reported there will be new hand railings for the rectory and office. They are taking bids to take a tree down and to redo a sidewalk in order to make a r bigger outdoor play area at the Youth House

G. Marketing and Communications - David Hemingway (Fr. Jerry on his behalf)

Fr. Jerry reported the 2020 Tabernacle Christmas ornaments are ready to sell. For the annual Faith Fest, Eddy McFarland has been asked to give a virtual tour of the Cathedral.

H. Capital Campaign/Porch Renovation – Steven Roby

No report.

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

Kathryn Wimsatt reported Glen Thompson and his team prepared 8 kettles of burgoo which were poured into over 400 gallon and 48 ½ gallon containers. Garry Pierce took charge of contact info & spread sheets. Over 40 volunteers aided in the endeavor. Fr. Jerry added the “Burgoo Giveaway” was a great idea and went smoothly. He thanked Kathryn Wimsatt, Garry Pierce, Glen Thompson, and Donna Tarantino for their work on the event.

V. Long-Range Plan – Donna Murphy

No report.

VI. Stewardship Update – Donna Tarantino

No report.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. Fr. Sinoj Comments

Fr. Sinoj reported more of our homebound parishioners are requesting to receive Communion and more volunteers are needed. Visits to nursing homes are still prohibited. Hospital visits are only allowed for death situations.

X. Pastor’s Comments

Fr. Jerry stated in order to stay connected to the church community he has initiated many One Calls, the parish team has produced Daily Scripture videos, and a letter from the Parish has been mailed monthly. In late September a combined bulletin and *The Parishoner*” were mailed to each family. Fr. Jerry thanked the “livestream” ministers and said it is a great ministry with 7 or 8 volunteers. Fr. Jerry stated Pope Francis has written his third encyclical letter, Fratelli Tutti, on fraternity and social friendship. Fr. Jerry reported Steven Roby has decided, due to family and work commitments, not to continue with the PPC for an extended year. Time, Talent, and Treasure will kick off on Thanksgiving Day.

XI. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

Mark Heinz was wished a Happy September Birthday and Deacon Richard was wished a Happy September Ordination Anniversary. Mark and Rita Heinz were wished a Happy October Wedding Anniversary.

XII. Adjourn

The next meeting is tentatively December 10, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar