

**Minutes of the 477th Meeting  
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council**

**September 12, 2019**

**Members Present:** Fr. Jerry Riney, Peggy Bellew, LaWanna Brand, Mark Heinz, David Hemingway, Kelsey Rhodes, Russell Vaughn, Kathryn Wimsatt

**Members Absent:** Brenda Clark, Samantha Kaai, Stephen Roby, Nick Warren

**Parish Team:** Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, Donna Murphy, Deacon Richard Murphy, Crissy Stevenson, Donna Tarantino

**I. Welcome and Call to Order**

David Hemingway, co-chair, opened the meeting at 6:08 PM.

**II. Scripture – *At Home with the Word***

PPC members read and discussed the Gospel and 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading for September 15, 2019.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as written for the June 27, 2019, meeting.

**IV. Liaison Reports – David Hemingway**

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

Mark Heinz handed out the Financial Accountability Report, July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, and reported it was distributed at church the weekend of September 8, 2019. Donna Tarantino stated the Capital Campaign received the \$150,000.00 pledge from the Diocese. The total amount of outstanding pledges for the Capital Campaign is \$120,466. It was announced there will be a special collection for the Herald of Good News.

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

No report.

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

Peggy Bellew reported the Social Concerns Committee met on August 22, 2019. The featured speaker was from CASA of Ohio Valley. A medical mission trip is in the planning stages. The Thanksgiving season offerings will begin Sunday, October 27, and end Thursday, November 28, 2019. The Right to Life Walk was held on September 7, 2019. Their fundraising banquet is 5:30 pm October 17, 2019, at the Owensboro Convention Center. Peggy stated The St. Stephen Conference of St. De Paul has approximately 15 active members. The Special Collection for St. Vincent de Paul is held on every 5th Sunday. Their current balance is \$622.00. On September 27, 2019, on the Feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, members are invited to noon Mass followed by an appreciation luncheon.

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

LaWanna Brand reported 28 children are attending Faith Formation. Eighteen 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are eligible to make their First Communion and Sacrament of Reconciliation. The preschool has an enrollment of 78 with 18 in the after-school program. The Preschool Casino Night Fundraiser is November 9, 2019. Fr. Jerry announced there are 14 candidates and 14 sponsors in RCIA. On September 9, 2019, 30 people attended the Largest Small Group Ever. The next one is scheduled for September 24, 2019. Bishop Shelton Fabre will present the talk “Against Racism” on September 19, 2019, at 7:00 pm. It will be followed by a “Meet & Greet.” Catechetical Sunday is September 15, 2019. There will be a Blessing for all Catechists during the Sunday Liturgies.

**E. Youth – Nick Warren (Crissy Stevenson on his behalf)**

Crissy Stevenson welcomed everyone to the Youth House. She explained how the space in the house is utilized. She reported 16 students attended the Kick off the School Year Party. Usually 11 kids out of a possible 33 attend the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group meetings. Our parish has 112 students registered in grades 7-12. There are two high school small groups that meet twice a month. On October 26, 2019, she is taking a group of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to Holy Fire in Nashville. In November, The National Catholic Youth Conference is in Indy, eleven are registered to attend. The Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be September 29, 2019. Rick, Hannah, and Crissy are working on Family Ministry and will host a family

cookout after the Owensboro Air Show on September 15, 2019.

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

Russell Vaughn reported the Fall Cleanup Day is September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 -noon. The porch work is finished and the ribbon cutting was held on September 6, 2019. The PPC thanks Jeff Payne for his work in moving the Grotto. Also, John and Sharon Bell have done a great job beautifying the new Grotto area. Fr. Jerry reported the portable restrooms are for sale. The parish is investigating air conditioning and heating the hallway between the bathrooms in the Community Center. Another air conditioner has gone out in the church. Improving security on our campus is part of the Safe and Secure Capital Campaign. Thirty-three cameras will be installed throughout the campus. They are exploring using key cards for door locks and installing a camera in the vestibule. A glass wall for security will be installed in the office reception area.

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

David Hemingway reported the committee has not met since our last PPC meeting. The new Christmas ornament will be on sale at the Dedication Dinner. We renewed our annual Chamber membership.

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

No report.

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

Kathryn Wimsatt reported the Christmas Open House will be December 28, 2019, in the rectory.

Donna Tarantino handed out a list of tentative volunteers and scheduling for the Dedication Dinner. She is still acquiring volunteers. The cooking teams have been established. Of the total 300 Raffle packets, 249 packets have been taken and 154 have been returned. Burgoo will be sold for \$20.00 a gallon.

#### **V. Long-Range Plan – Donna Murphy**

Donna Murphy reported the goals have been sent to Tracy Welliver. He will guide us through the next steps. LPi will create a document and the next step will be a town hall meeting. Groups can be working on goals.

#### **VI. New Business**

None

#### **VII. Unfinished Business**

Fr. Jerry announced the PPC Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at Mount St. Joseph. Donna Murphy is in charge of details. This will take the place of our October meeting.

#### **VIII. Pastor's Comments**

Fr. Jerry announced the Sophia Award was presented to Ed and Gloria Cecil. We distributed 150 copies of the book, *Letter to a Suffering Church*. Two groups are discussing the book. The Vocare dinner is September 20, 2019, and our parish has purchased two tables. Fr. Titus has returned to Uganda after visiting for 2 months. The PPC Christmas Party will be January 11, 2020. Fr. Jerry is thankful for the Diocesan Welcomers and their presence at Fr. Al Power's funeral on September 9, 2019. Blessed Sacrament is having an Oktoberfest on October 5, 2019. The first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday - from womb to tomb. James Wells is exploring buying used hand bells.

#### **IX. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations**

Nick Warren, Peggy Bellew, Kathryn Wimsatt, Steven Roby, and Mark Heinz were wished a Happy Birthday. Happy Anniversary wishes were extended to Brenda and Sy Clark, Kelsey and Ben Rhodes, Nick and Carrie Warren, Peggy and Harry Bellew, Margie and Jeff Ebelhar, Richard and Donna Murphy, Samantha and Duncan Kaai, and Fr. Jerry Riney.

#### **X. Adjournment**

The next meeting is November 14, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar