

**Minutes of the 511th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office**

June 13, 2024

Members Present: Fr. John Thomas, David Danhauer, Lauren Calhoun, LaWanna Brand, Dirk Dooper, Russell Vaughn

Members Absent: Katie Pagan, John Wright

Parish Team: Fr. Shibu, Karina Romero

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 May 2, 2024, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – David Danhauer

Parish Finance Committee – David Danhauer

A. The 2024-2025 budget was presented for the final reading. A motion was made and approved to accept the budget.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun

No report. Fr. John Thomas announced the Display of Eucharistic Miracles in History, for the weekend of Corpus Christi, was well received. He stated hundreds were drawn to the Display.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Dirk Dooper

No report. Fr. John Thomas stated our St. Vincent DePaul volunteers are cutting back to 2 days a week beginning July 1, 2024. They will be assisting with rent and utilities.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanda Brand announced Vacation Bible School is going beautifully. There are 45 children and 40 volunteers.

E. Youth – Karina Romero (on behalf of Katie Pagan)

Karina Romero reported Youth Ministry has wrapped up for the school year. On a Sunday they averaged 30 students. The high school girls' group won a day at Holiday World. There will be socials throughout the summer. Middle School Mission week has taken place and the on-campus project included cleaning up the Prayer Garden and helping to set up for VBS. Twenty-four have signed up for Summer Camp at Gasper River. And, the same number signed up for the Gasper Prayer Team.

One child will be confirmed at the 4:30 pm Mass on June 15, 2024. A group of young adults are attending the National Eucharistic Congress. Over 20 young adults meet weekly.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

No report. Fr. John Thomas stated plaster is falling from the ceiling due to rain. It was decided not to currently perform patch work.

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

No report.

V. New Business

A motion was made and approved to conduct a Facilities Study. The PPC is seeking approval of an expenditure of up to \$20,000. from Bishop Medley. It is hoped the study and a full report will be in hand by September 2024. The report will initially be released to the following members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee: Chair, Eddy McFarland, Andrew Nunez, Russell Vaughn, Bob Stone, and Ben Hartz. Once approved by that committee it will be sent to the PPC.

Lauren Calhoun, Vice-Chair, will oversee a process for our PPC member elections. Rolling off the Council in August is LaWanna Brand, Lauren Calhoun, and Russell Vaughn. The PPC will need 4 new members.

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. Action Items

Moving forward on the Facilities Study and Parish Council elections process.

VIII. Pastor's Report

Fr. John Thomas announced he is hosting a dinner July 14, 2024, for the priests located in Owensboro. He reported the collections are consistent and doing well. They are trying to keep expenses within reason. He stated the Parish Directories have arrived.

IX. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

None

X. Closing Prayer

David Danhauer led the PPC in a closing prayer.

XI. Adjourn

The next meeting is Thursday, August 8, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar