

Minutes of the 501st Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office

March 9, 2023

Members Present: Fr. John Thomas, Lauren Calhoun, Brenda Clark, Dirk Dooper, Samantha Taylor Kaai, Kelsey Rhodes, Russell Vaughn

Members Absent: LaWanna Brand, David Danhauer, John Wright

Parish Team: Fr. Shibu, Donna Murphy

I. Call to Order

Lauren Calhoun, Vice-Chair, opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

II. Prayer

Fr. Shibu led the PPC in prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the December 1, 2022, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – Lauren Calhoun

A. Parish Finance Committee – Dirk Dooper

Dirk Dooper reported the Finance Committee met on February 16, 2023. He stated the state gave our parish \$100,000.00 with funds distributed from the American Rescue Plan Act. From that amount we gave \$10,000.00 to Blessed Sacrament. Contributions are up and we are within \$4,000.00 of the year-to-date budget.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun

Lauren Calhoun stated the choir has been rehearsing and singing on Sundays.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Samantha Taylor -Kaai

Samantha Taylor-Kaai reported that at the February 16, 2023, meeting they discussed potential collections. Deacon Richard Murphy is stepping down as chair and Samantha will take his place. The committee is looking for someone to chair the Baby Bottle Collection for Birthright. They are hoping to have the collection this summer.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanna Brand provided a lengthy written report from Cathedral Preschool. The Preschool is doing well. The report is submitted as an appendix.

E. Youth – Kelsey Rhodes

Kelsey Rhodes reported we have 17 attending the Youth 2000 Retreat on March 17-19, 2023. We had 1 youth attend the Lazarus retreat, where Karina and two Cathedral young adults were on the team. Many of our youth attended the Christmas camp at Gasper in December. Five small youth groups are meeting twice a month. Fifteen of our youth went bowling last month. Fr. John Thomas held another young adult cooking class and it was a success with 25 people at the class. There are two women and one men young adult small groups meeting weekly.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughn stated there is still a water leaking problem in the church. We are waiting for Bruce's Tri-State Roofing. Fr. John Thomas reported the roofs on the rectory and church had storm damage from the March 3, 2023, storm.

G. Community and Family Enrichment – Brenda Clark

Brenda Clark reported the Fish Fry is March 24, 2023 and is \$15.00 per person. Laurie Hicks is the Chair. Brenda announced Precious Blood is having a Mission March 12-14, 2023. The Stations of the Cross is held on the Fridays of Lent after the 12:05 Mass. The Italian night at Blessed Sacrament was very nice and they made \$4,000.00. Brenda asked for help with the dinner for priests held at the rectory

following the Chrism Mass. Brenda also asked for volunteers to help with the April 8, 2023, Easter Vigil Reception. Brenda started the discussion on the best way to provide transportation to church for those people that need a lift.

H. Long Range Planning – Fr. John Thomas (on behalf of John Wright)

A meeting is scheduled for the Long-Range Planning Committee.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. Pastor's Report

Fr. John Thomas announced the staff went to St. Meinard for a Retreat Day on March 8, 2023. A parish mission directed by Fr. Bill Garott will be held April 24-26, 2023. As part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival each parish has been asked to engage their parishioners in focusing on the real presence of the Eucharist during the Mass. For a year the SSC priests will come into our homes and will say Mass. The parish needs to buy a nice Mass kit.

VII. Action Items

None

VIII. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

John Wright, LaWanna Brand, Samantha Taylor Kaai, and Margie Ebelhar were wished a Happy January Birthday. Brenda Clark was wished a Happy February Birthday. Lauren Calhoun was wished a Happy March Birthday.

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. Thomas

Fr. John Thomas led the PPC in a closing prayer.

X. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled Thursday, April 13, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar