

**Minutes of the 503rd Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office**

May 11, 2023

Members Present: Fr. John Thomas, David Danhauer, Lauren Calhoun, LaWanna Brand, Brenda Clark, Dirk Dooper, Kelsey Rhodes

Members Absent: Samantha Taylor Kaai, Russell Vaughn, John Wright

Parish Team: Fr. Shibu, Donna Murphy

I. Call to Order

David Danhauer, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

II. Prayer

Fr. John Thomas led the PPC in prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the April 13, 2023, meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – David Danhauer

A. Parish Finance Committee – Dirk Dooper

Dirk Dooper reported the Restroom Renovation bids were double than what was expected. They came in at \$500,000. Therefore, the project has been put on hold for the foreseeable future. Dirk presented a written Income Statement for 07/2022 thru 04/2023. We are in the black for the year-to-date budget. At the June PPC meeting the Council will be asked to approve the 2023-2024 budget.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun

No report. Fr. John Thomas added the Parish Mission was well attended and included a diverse group of people. Fr. Bill Garrott has been asked to return and do a Mission on anger. Fr. John reported that on April 30, 2023, we had 16 First Communicants. Confirmation is Pentecost Sunday on May 28, 2023. And the Graduates will be honored at the May 20- 21 Masses.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – Donna Murphy (on behalf of Samantha Taylor-Kaai)

Donna Murphy reported the Neighborhood Walk is Sunday, May 21, 2023, at 3:00 pm. Wrapped candy is needed for this walk. They will be promoting the summer feeding program, which is run by the Diocesan Food Service. Lunches will take place in the Community Center during June and July. The Backpack program is winding down for the school year. Each week the Backpack program provides food for 36 children. Fr. John Thomas stated that on April 30, 2023, St Vincent de Paul had a Fifth Sunday collection. The changes in how the Food Pantry distributes food have been positive. Fr. John announced a Home Mass was held in LaWanna Brand's home.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanna Brand asked for prayers for Rick Rhodes who is not well. David Danhauer reported that RCIA meetings ended on May 10, 2023.

E. Youth – Kelsey Rhodes

No report.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Fr. John Thomas (on behalf of Russell Vaughn)

Fr. John Thomas reported that someone is presently working on the baptismal font, and it should soon be operational. There was significant wind damage to the roofing tile on the rectory and the church. An insurance claim has been submitted. Spring Cleanup will be Saturday, May 13, 2023. Parishioners are currently planting in the Community Garden. Wooden floors in the rectory have been repaired from water damage. The dining room chairs are being reupholstered. Plans are being made to paint over the wallpaper in the dining room and kitchen.

G. Community and Family Enrichment – Brenda Clark

The 2nd Annual Parish Patio Party will be Saturday, June 3, 2023. Written invitations will be mailed to new parishioners. Discussion was held again concerning transportation to and from Church for parishioners in need of such. Fr. John Thomas stated it would be added to the staff meeting agenda.

H. Long Range Planning – John Wright

No report.

V. Unfinished Business

None

VI. Pastor's Report

Fr. John Thomas wished Fr. Shibu a Happy Anniversary! Fr. Shibu was ordained on May 12. Fr. John announced a letter is being sent to parishioners about the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival and the opportunity for parishioners to have Mass in their home. A new Mass kit has been purchased. Time slots are being scheduled for the pictorial directory and, another day for scheduling has been added. Due to her illness, Fr. John Thomas asked for prayers for Sr. Rosanne Spalding.

VII. Action Items

An update will be given on the progress of the Restroom Renovation. Fr. John Thomas will discuss transportation issue at staff meeting.

VIII. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

Fr. John Thomas and Fr. Shibu was wished Happy Ordination Anniversaries.

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. Shibu

Fr. Shibu led the PPC in a closing prayer.

X. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled Thursday, June 8, 2023. Lauren Calhoun will act as secretary and Dirk Dooper will bring the refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar