

**Minutes of the 499th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office**

October 13, 2022

Members Present: Fr. John Thomas, David Danhauer, Lauren Calhoun, LaWanna Brand, Brenda Clark, Dirk Dooper, Samantha Taylor Kaai, Russell Vaughn, John Wright

Members Absent: Kelsey Rhodes

Parish Team: Fr. Shibu, Fr. Ramesh

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Fr. John Thomas opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. He welcomed the new PPC members David Danhauer and Dirk Dooper. He introduced and welcomed Fr. Shibu and Fr. Ramesh.

II. Prayer

Fr. John Thomas led the PPC in prayer.

III. Pastor's Report

Fr. John Thomas stated we needed to fill the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. David Danhauer was selected as Chair and Lauren Calhoun as Vice-Chair. Fr. John announced he would like the primary goal for the parish is to move forward from Covid and bring people and activities back. Attendance and collections are not what they were before Covid. The number of people in the pews is ½ of what it was in 2018. PPC members brainstormed how to achieve the goal. David Danhauer coined the phrase “call to community.” Next month Donna Murphy will report on the families she has called, a report will be given on September Mass counts, and Alex Reid can provide his ideas on time, talent, and treasure.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the September 8, 2022, meeting.

V. Liaison Reports – David Danhauer

A. Parish Finance Committee – Dirk Dooper

No report.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun

No report.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach –Samantha Taylor -Kaai

Samantha Taylor Kaai reported the RCIA group has chosen the October Coat Drive as a project. The next committee meeting is November 17, 2022. The Halloween with Jesus Neighborhood Walk is October 23, 2022, at 3:00 pm. LaWanna Brand visited St. Leo's in Murray, KY to inform them about Stephen Ministry. They are planning on starting Stephen Ministry at their parish. Rita Roberson will be teaching a future class in our parish.

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand

LaWanna Brand reported Rick Rhodes did an awesome job with his class on the Mass. “Living a Eucharistic Life as Missionary Disciples” is coming to the Convention Center on October 22, 2022. Volunteers are needed for Children's Liturgy at the 8:30 am Mass. A volunteer is needed for the Media Center.

E. Youth – Kelsey Rhodes (Margie Ebelhar on her behalf)

Margie Ebelhar reported Faith Formation began on October 2, 2022. The classroom in the office is being redone so that it is a more functional space for 1st and 2nd graders and to provide the Catechists with the materials they need. Sign ups are open for the Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference at the Knically Center in Bowling Green, KY on November 18-19, 2022. Our youth are staying the night at Gasper River for the Conference. Small groups for youth ministry will meet October 16, 2022, in the

Community Center. Mentor training was held October 2, 2022, with Charlie Hardesty, Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese. There is a need for male small group leaders. Two young adult small groups meet in the home each week. We have some young adults attending the young adult retreat at Gasper River October 7-9, 2022. Confirmation meeting will be October 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

F. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Russell Vaughn stated the merry go round for the Preschool has been installed. There was a good turn out for the October 8, 2022, Fall Clean Up. We still need parishioners to adopt a spot. He reported Bob Stone is working out well and signage looks nice. Fr. John added they think they can fix the baptismal font with a sealant. We are still waiting for workers to do the plastering job in the church. Fr. John reported we received initial drawings for the new bridal suite and restrooms. With this plan the plumbing problem in the basement will be fixed.

G. Community and Family Enrichment – Brenda Clark

Brenda Clark reported that on the weekend of September 11-12, 2022, we celebrated the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church. They served pizza after 4:30 and 11:00 Mass, and breakfast sandwiches after 8:30 Mass. The Fall Block Party is October 30, 2022, at 3:00 pm with a chili cookoff, trunk decorating competition, and coat giveaway. On November 3, 2022, there will be a reception after the All Souls Day Vespers.

H. Long Range Planning – John Wright

John Wright reported the committee is still focusing on addressing the plumbing issues in the church and the location of the Preschool.

VI. Unfinished Business

Due to December 8, being a Holy Day of Obligation, the December PPC meeting has been changed to December 1, 2022. The PPC Christmas Gathering will be Saturday, January 14, 2023, after the 5:30 pm Mass.

VII. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc.

David and Karen Danhauer were wished a Happy October Anniversary.

VIII. Closing Prayer – Fr. John Thomas

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

IX. Adjourn

The next meeting is November 10, 2022. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Ebelhar