

Minutes of the 505th Meeting
Saint Stephen Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council
Conference Room at the Parish Office

September 14, 2023

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

Members Absent: LaWanna Brand

Parish Team: Fr. Shibu, Donna Murphy

I. Call to Order

David Danhauer, chair, opened the meeting at 6:01 pm

II. Prayer

David Danhauer led the PPC in prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as written for the August 10, 2023 meeting.

IV. Liaison Reports – David Danhauer

A. Parish Finance Committee – Dirk Dooper

Dirk Dooper reported we are \$2,000 ahead of budget for the year to date. The parish continues to move through the changeover from PDS to Quick Books. The Diocesan audit is scheduled for completion September 18.

B. Liturgy and Worship – Lauren Calhoun

The celebration of the Dedication Anniversary on September 9th went well. The choir is in need of additional members.

C. Social Concerns and Outreach – no report

D. Education and Formation/Spiritual Enrichment – LaWanna Brand (submitted in writing)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is up and running. First Sacraments are going well. Planning is underway for the fall block party – need support by bringing chili, decorating for Trunk or Treat, or donating candy. Seeking assistance to refresh adult meeting space with art/furniture. RCIA has 10 people interested in learning more about our Catholic faith. Acts 2:42 groups have 6 groups meeting with a total of 58 participants. That Man is You begins September 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 am.

E. Buildings and Grounds – Russell Vaughn

Working to secure a source for the tile repair and install on the roof of the rectory and church. Scheduling a fall clean up day for mid-October.

F. Community and Family Enrichment – No Report

G. Long Range Planning – John Wright

Tabling basement project due to cost. Discussions of space issue for Cathedral Preschool set aside for the time being.

V. Unfinished Business

Fr. John Thomas will follow up regarding the request that the Parish assist those parishioners needing transportation to Mass.

VI. Pastor's Report

Fr. John Thomas recommended that Parish Pastoral Council consider moving from a "Council of Ministries" structure to a "Comprehensive Plan" model of operations. This model focuses on goals and objectives around a central focus. The chair, vice chair, and secretary will meet to establish an agenda in

advance of each council meeting. This recommendation was met favorably and it was noted that the central focus could foster greater openness to the Spirit. Two additional council members are needed to begin the new cycle as other members have dropped off. Recommended that officers remain in place through the next meeting, where it will be decided whether to make any changes.

VII. Action Items

Lauren Calhoun, vice-chair, will send an executive committee meeting invite to the chair, secretary, and to Fr. John Thomas.

VIII. Birthdays, Anniversaries, Ordinations, etc

Happy Birthday to David Danhauer. Happy Anniversary to John and Kathy Wright. And Happy Anniversary of Ordination to Deacon Richard Murphy.

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. John Thomas

Fr. John led the PPC in prayer to close the meeting.

X. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Calhoun