

St. Brendan's Pastoral Council Meeting November 11, 2021 minutes.

Attendees: Father Mark, Sandra Gemach (Chair), Marie Frost, Ginny Grant, John LeFebvre, Sandra Nelson, Maria Paslick, Maury Paslick, Jack Semanko, Bob McGahran, Giselle Bawab and Teddy Altreuter and Sally Dambaugh. Excused: Bob Blanchette, Jim Carmody, Mary Biesack, Ada Flores.

- Father Mark opened meeting at 9:30 AM with a prayer.
- Minutes were approved.
- Parish Pastoral Constitution additions and corrections were finished at last meeting. Father Mark will email the Constitution to us all and we will approve it. Bylaws will be an on going process—changing as necessary and sending to Raleigh when ready.
- Synod of Synodality – The question was brought up if our parish is involved in this program coming from Pope Francis. Father stated that a survey had been sent out by the Diocese of Raleigh and he responded that we will participate. This is a world-wide participation. From Feb to May there will be a listening session for all dioceses practicing Catholics and non-Catholics. Synod is a term for conversation. In 2023 the Pope will hold a meeting.
- Finance Committee – Jack Semanko reported that we are doing extremely well thanks to all the parishioners either bringing in, or sending in their contributions. The altar has been reconfigured, there is live streaming of mass and attendance in hall if needed, automatic doors were installed for easy access by handicapped, 100 niches were added to the Columbarium and the sound system was updated. There are 2 major projects in the working: a new office building and 130 more niches to Columbarium. There will ultimately be 300 niches in the future. Ground breaking for the new building will be discussed at a future date.
- Diane Nagle sent in report that the Faith Formation group was doing extremely well. Father has been teaching the first 20 minutes of Confirmation classes so kids get to see and know him.
- PAC pictures and pins – Father asked that we bring in a picture of ourselves or he can take our picture and he will design a readable pin. This is a good way for parishioners to know us and make suggestions for us to bring up at our meetings.
- Mary Biesack sent in info about the Food Pantry. She stated that the numbers have picked up and they will be giving out turkeys for Thanksgiving.
- Future Business: Parishioners who attend the 11 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month have a difficult time parking and entering the church because Faith Formation is still in progress. We will discuss possible solutions at the next meeting.
- It was brought up that some parishioners want the last name of the person who the mass is being offered for be stated because they don't know who it's for. Fr. Mark will address this in a future bulletin.
- The next meeting is Thursday, Dec 9, 2021, at 9:30 AM. Future meetings were scheduled for January 13th, Feb 10th and March 10, 2022, all Thursdays at 9:30 AM
- Father Mark ended the meeting with a prayer.