

## St. Brendan's Pastoral Council Meeting April 7, 2022 minutes.

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

1. Father Mark opened meeting at 9:30 AM with a prayer and March 10 minutes were approved.
2. Three donations of \$15,000 have been made to date with suggested names for the new building rooms: St. Elizabeth, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Catherine of Siena. The Knights of Columbus will be making a donation with the suggested name of St. Joseph.
3. The Pastoral Plan - The **Vision Statement** was discussed and approved. **Parish Communication** was reviewed and discussed. The section for establishing a procedure for handling a suggestion box input was deleted. Father Mark suggested that those with suggestions email them to him directly and he will address it. The Beckley's are coordinating the library and we will get their input. **Long Term Goals** will be discussed at next meeting.
4. **Parish Fundraising** was discussed – Fundraising by Parishioners in support of the Parish was affirmed. Funding by Parishioners in support of Non-Parish causes and Non-Parishioners for Non-Parish causes are not permitted.  
**Short Term Goals and Proposed Projects** – Father Mark has already communicated to the parishioners the Office Building Loan Repayment Plan in coordination with the Finance Council. A Large Donor Recognition Program was discussed. A small name plate with donors name along with a plate for the named saint will be placed under the stained-glass windows. In the lobby of the new building they can put a framed print stating “In memory of “if donor requests.
5. **Columbiettes – Vision Statement** – The goals for the next 3 years were to bring more women of St. Brendan's into the Columbiettes with an increase of 50 to 100 women. The goal has already been met with 114 members.
6. **Outreach Minister** - Father Mark suggested that we consider making a list of long-term goals to be addressed such as homelessness, drug addiction and mental health care, for our Parish Outreach Minister, who we plan to have in our new building. Teddy Altreuter will email Father Mark about her ideas to pass on to the Outreach Minister.
7. **Prayer Garden** - Bob Blanchette reported the Knights of Columbus have an Improvement team working on enhancing the Prayer Garden that was put in place by Connor Johnston. Their committee has begun clean-up of the land around the garden. They will add flowers, signs and benches in the near future to enhance this area for all to

use. Father said to contact our Buildings and Grounds Reps. Kevin and Maury to make sure all work done is in conjunction with all other property ideas and Brunswick County ordinances.

Next meeting is Thursday 12 May 2022 after the 9 AM Mass. Father closed with a prayer.