

St. Brendan's Pastoral Council Meeting June 9, 2022 minutes.

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

1. Father Mark opened meeting at 9:30 AM with a prayer and May 12, 2022 Minutes were approved.
2. Pastoral Plan Approval – A motion was made to approve Pastoral Plan and plan was approved. Father Mark will send to the diocese, and it will be placed on the parish website.
3. Finance Report – Fr. Mark reported that the Finance Council met on May 26th and the first three quarters of the fiscal year were reviewed. He stated that there was positive growth in the budget. The original amount of the loan for the new building was \$1.6 million but with the amount of funds on hand we only have to take out \$1.1 million. We saved a half million because of donations by parishioners. The next meeting will be on June 16, 2022.
4. We discussed a plan to establish a committee that will address ongoing issues such as gun violence, suicide prevention, the opioid crisis, domestic violence, etc. Father Mark stated that all these issues basically boil down to mental health problems. Father asked that we come to the September meeting with ideas and input for a Social Outreach Ministry.
5. Synod Meeting – Teddy Altreuter submitted a report on the First Listening Session hosted by the diocese at St. Brendan Church which she attended.
6. Election for Council – Teddy Altreuter submitted a description of how our current Parish Council was formed, and our mission. We will hold an election in the first week of December to elect four new members and have a new election every year with four seats. There will be a questionnaire in the Gathering Space on the Stewardship Desk to be filled out by those who wish to run for election. The questionnaire was reviewed, and it was recommended that the age be changed to 21. The question regarding whether one is a Catholic in good standing was discussed. Father Mark said to add that it will be explained on the website. It was suggested that we add to the questionnaire that they will be expected to attend a monthly meeting at 9:30 AM on the second Thursday each month.
7. Sandy Gemach brought up the question about whether we are considering having the words to hymns put on a wall for the congregation to see. Father Mark said he is all in for a tasteful presentation and the council was all in. Sandy will contact Joe Carpinello who handles the sound system and is on the Finance Council to see what we can do.

8. Comments/questions – The Finance Council asked Father Mark to request an associate pastor. Father said he had already sent in the request, but it might take a whole year for another priest to be assigned here.
9. Next meeting will be September 8, 2022 at 9:30.
10. Father ended meeting with a closing prayer.