

### **St. Brendan's Pastoral Council Meeting 3 November 2022 minutes.**

**Attendees:** Father Mark, Sandra Gemach (Chair), Marie Frost, Jim Carmody, Maria Paslick, Maury Paslick, Sandra Nelson, Teddy Altreuter, Bob McGahran, John LeFebvre and Jack Semanko, Bob Blanchette, Deirdre Bumbera Excused: Ada Flores, Ginny Grant

1. **Opening prayer** took place in our new Chapel with meditation.
2. The **October minutes** were moved to approval by Maria Paslick and seconded by Maury Paslick.
3. **Finance Report** - Jack Semanko reported that the church will be closed for deep cleaning and fixing the sprinkler heads and April 10-14 2023. They will be resealing the parking lot. There will be red lines for fire lanes. The parish will be Incorporated as a non-profit as per the directions of the Diocese of Raleigh.
4. **Faith Formation-Pastoral Plan**—Changes presented by Maria Paslick at the previous meeting were accepted.
5. **Faith Formation** – Diane Nagle submitted an update – The next session of Children's Faith Formation is 6 Nov 2022. Two more High School helpers will be volunteering beginning in November to assist the Catechists. It is wonderful to see our young adults volunteering their time to do service work for St. Brendan's. One more student signed up to become an Altar Server.
6. **Council Elections** - Ballots, Bulletin and Pulpit information – Teddy Altreuter reported that Fr. Mark has put it in the bulletin and a box will be on the Stewardship desk. It will be announced every weekend, the last date being Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet to look at ballots and publication of Candidate names. We will elect 4 new members to Pastoral Council. Fr. Mark can send a description of PAC to anyone who requests it. The first weekend of December ballots will be distributed to the parishioners to vote on. Teddy will get 3-5 people together on 22 Nov to get volunteers to design the Ballot from the applications.
7. **Social Ministry** articles to discuss – The issue of increasing domestic abuse incidents in Brunswick County was brought up. Hope Harbor is a place for women and children to go if they have a problem. Deacon Bob McGahran brought up the discussion that the parish and Faith Formation can still do more for the special needs youth of our parish. We will announce this in the bulletin to get volunteers. Ed Beckley is a certified coach for the Special Olympics. He's able to run various athletic events for those with intellectual disabilities. This could be a good way of getting our youth together. The Homeless situation in our communities was also discussed. We need a body to speak to our county commissioners. These will be our long/short term goals.
8. **Open House** for the McGivney Center was successful. The Pastoral Center and Chapel are beautiful. Maria Paslick was asked by parishioner if they could come into the Chapel when the building was open. Fr. Mark said from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, Monday-Thursday, and 9:30 am to 11:30 am on Fridays. Father showed us samples for symbols of the 6 sacraments for the windows and episodes from the life of Christ for the windowpanes in the Chapel. We can have parishioners vote on 6 of them during Lent. We need to raise money for them or offer donors the opportunity to sponsor them. Food Pantry is scheduled to move to the old office building on Friday 11 Nov.
9. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve masses will be the regular weekend schedule. There will be a 4:00 Christmas concert and Confessions on Saturday.

10. **Next meeting** is Thursday 1 Dec 2022 at 9:30 AM. Father ended meeting with a closing prayer.