

## St. Brendan's Pastoral Council Meeting 6 October 2022 minutes.

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

1. Father Mark opened meeting at 9:30 AM with a prayer. Minutes from the 8 Sept 2022 meeting were approved through Email vote.
2. Finance Report - Jack Semanko reported that due to inflation the donations had gone down but the collection for the first Sunday in October was good. Starting the first week in November we intend to begin passing the baskets around again at the Masses. Fr. Mark stated that movers have been contracted to move everything from the old building into the new building. He has also hired a receptionist, as well as Matt Kelly as the Facilities Manager. If anyone has concerns about cleaning issues or emergencies call him. He will be invited to the November meeting.
3. Ideas for Social Outreach Ministry – Teddy Altreuter suggested we talk about the problems in our area that are close to us such as Mental Illness. If we read about anything that we find can be important bring copies to the next meeting to discuss.
4. Faith Formation – Diane Nagle submitted an update – The first session was on Sunday, October 2, 2022. There were 161 children from grades Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There are 17 Catechists and 7 High school helpers. The new time change began at 9 AM. Some came late because this change is a work in progress. They were grateful to the Knights of Columbus for providing snacks for the children. It was a very successful first day.
5. Pastoral Plan – Maria Paslick thinks the Pastoral Plan was a little sparse on the Faith Formation section. Faith Formation Strategy Session report after September meeting – They met on Sept 8 to discuss. They had a wonderful group meeting and would like to have an appreciation dinner for them. A handout with the Parish Pastoral Plan for 2022 – 2023 with long- and short-term goals was given to the members to review and be discussed at the Nov meeting with thoughts and ideas. There is a need for more male catechists. Email Maria with any concerns or questions. Jim Carmody met with Sister Theresa to discuss how the Knights can assist with Hispanic outreach. The Parish Vocations Committee is in the Pastoral Plan and needs to get started to support potential candidates.
6. Candidate Election Applications – Fr. Mark will announce in the bulletin. Applications can be picked up and dropped off in church at the Stewardship desk. There will be a box on the desk to drop off applications by Nov 20. Then the election committee will develop the Ballot. During mass on Dec 3-4 mass the entire parish will vote for 4 new members.
7. Comments/Questions – Sandra Gemach stated that there have been concerns from people that the Eucharistic Ministers are using too much scented hand sanitizer and they can taste it when they receive communion. It was suggested they use sanitizer with no perfumes in them.
8. Council Members duty for Open House weekend of 22 and 23 Oct – There will be member after each Mass to greet people and take them through the building. A portrait of Michael J. McGivney was obtained and will hang in the building.
9. The council welcomed Deirdre Bumbera who is the new president of the Columbiettes.
10. Next meeting is Nov 3, 2022/9:30 AM. Father ended meeting with a closing prayer.

