

St. Brendan's Pastoral Council Meeting 01 December 2022 Minutes.

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

1. Fr. Mark opened meeting with a prayer.
2. The November minutes were approved.
3. **Finance Report** - Jack Semanko reported that we had a great month with collections in November. The Finance Council will meet Tuesday 6 December to review possible ramifications of being Incorporated. Possible accounting changes. Waiting for info from the Diocese
4. **Ballot/Election information** – Teddy Altreuter reported that we have everything under control for the upcoming elections for new Pastoral Council members. The ballots will be in the pews before all the Masses this weekend Dec 3rd and 4th for all registered parishioners age 18+ to vote for 4 new members. Fr. Mark will make an announcement before the beginning of each Mass to explain the process. The ballots will be placed in the offertory baskets during the collection. Fr. Mark will also send out a blast email to all parishioners this week so they can read the Candidate information in advance.
5. **Faith Formation** – Diane Nagle sent in info. The 6 November 2022 session of Children's Faith Formation was a success. 122 children attended. The next session is December 4th. This is the month that the children learn about Advent and the birth of Jesus. We are preparing for the Feast of the 3 Kings in January. Giving Trees have been decorated with tags for the parishioners to participate in purchasing of gifts for the children. The Three Kings visit each class bringing gifts to all. Thanks to Fr. Mark for continuing this tradition.
6. **Stained Glass Window** discussion and choices – The PAC voted on the choices Fr. Mark sent and it was narrowed down to the top 27. Fr. Mark recommend that the Good Shepherd and Ask/Seek/Knock be excluded from the list. There is now a statue of Christ the Good Shepherd already in the Chapel. Just as we don't need a symbol of the Sacrament of the Eucharist because we have the actual Eucharist exposed in the Chapel. Parishioners will also get a chance to vote. A parishioner came forward to rename the old building to the "Our Lady of Knock Outreach Center." In January we are going to hold a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the "old office building" under the new name and patronage of Our Lady of Knock, with the inscription "Ask, Seek, Knock." Father recommended that Lk 5:1-11 (The Call of the Disciples/"Put out into deep water") be one of the six windows in the St. Patrick Chapel, because that is the Gospel for the Mass of St. Patrick. A Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at least once per month.
7. **Special Needs Students** – Essey was not there to comment but she is working with the Special Needs students who are making their First Holy Communion.
8. **Choir** – Sandy Gemach reported that Choir will do the Christmas Eve Concert at 4:00PM followed by the 5:00PM Christmas Eve mass. Rusty put it in the bulletin.
9. **Craft Fair results** – Marie Frost reported that the Craft Fair was a big success and netted almost \$8,000.
10. **New Business** – Prayer Garden and Picnic Table are done. We need a Faith Formation coordinator on the Pastoral Council. On Wednesday 18 January 2023 Fr. Mark turns 60. There will be an Evening Prayer service in church at 6:30 PM, followed by a light reception in the parish hall. Instead of gifts Father asked we reach our BAA goal. More information to follow.

11. Next meeting is Thursday 5 January 2023 at 9:30 AM.

12. Fr. Mark closed with a prayer.