

## St. Brendan Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday 1 Sept 2021

**Present:** Fr. Mark, Fr. Paul, Sandra Gemach(Chair), Teddy Altrueter, Giselle Bawab, Bob Blanchette, Jim Carmody, Ada Flores, Marie Frost, Ginny Grant, John Ingraham, John LeFebrve, Bob McGahran, Sandra Nelson, Maria Paslick, Maury Paslick, Jack Semanko, Essilevy Colon. **Ex'd:** Mary Biesack, Sally Dambaugh, Yesi Rivera

Father Mark opened meeting at 6:00 PM with a prayer.

He discussed the fact that the Diocese had no Pastoral Constitution for St. Brendan's Church and made reference to the Pastoral Council handout that was sent to all members. We will discuss at next meeting. Father said our mission will be to "Get the job done as we work as a team." To that end, this meeting would be for all of us to get to know each other. He asked that each member stand and give our name, talk about who we are, where we live, give a little background about ourselves and things we like to do so we could all get to know each other, which is what took place.

Father Mark: Father said he would like to keep our meetings at an hour long. At our next meeting we will work on the Pastoral Council Constitution.

He asked that we all come prepared to have a picture taken of ourselves to hang in the lobby and put in the bulletin, so everyone knows who their council members are.

Next April is Father Paul's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the priesthood so we will plan a reception for him, probably the last week in April.

Father Mark is looking to plan a Ministry Fair in October. Wants to set up tables in the Gathering Space or parish hall for each ministry in the hopes of getting more volunteers.

In reference to the Pastoral Council instructions, the council members are to be elected. It is usually done in December, but we may push it to January.

Many parishioners have proposed to Fr. Mark starting various devotional groups in the parish. We will discuss this at a future meeting. He wants us to weigh in. Father said "We are supposed to be called a Pastoral Council, but he wants us to Dream and Dream Big! Don't ask how much it's going to cost." Cost is the responsibility of the Finance Council who will adjust budget to fit our dreams, if possible.

Sandy: Mary Biesack couldn't attend meeting but sent report in. Number of clients coming to Loaves and Fishes are way down. Doesn't know why but they are still getting produce and the volunteers bring the food out to the cars.

Diane Nagel – Faith Formation begins on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Family Faith Formation meets the first Sunday of the month. They are taking careful measures to make sure kids are kept safe by wiping down tables and chairs before and after the meetings. Confirmation Registration is on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept. in the hall after the 9:30 mass. Classes are the second and third Saturday of the month. March 19<sup>th</sup> is Confirmation Day.

Sister Mary Theresa is concerned about the Hispanic population not being vaccinated. It is important to do this so share your ideas for people to do so. Father had the best idea; since Hispanics are reluctant to do so he wanted to host a vaccine event after the 9:30 mass. He looked into it but was told he can't do it. Everyone look for other ideas.

Changing the day and time of our meetings was discussed. Morning meetings after mass was suggested but it is not good for members who are still working. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Father ended meeting with a prayer.