# **SAINT BRENDAN PARISH: Pastoral Council Meeting**

**December 3rd, 2015**

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**ATTENDING**: Fr. Jim Northrop, Linda Haptonstall, Brigette Blair, John Bush**,** Peggy Ross, Chris Flynn, Reinaldo Aguilar, Jay Green, Jason Swager

**ABSENT**: Desiree Engel

**VISITING:** Andrea King

**CALL TO ORDER**: Meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER**: Jason opened with a prayer

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Mission Statement was read by John as a reminder of what we are called to do.

**Open Microphone:**

**Andrea King- Children and Family Faith Formation Program:**

* Currently we are sharing space with two preschools programs from the school. The spaces we are sharing are the Franciscan Room, the table and chair storage room and the nursery.
* The preschool programs from the school educate about 35-40 kids
* The are about 300 parish kids who use the spaces:
  + - About 10 in the library at 5:00 pm for Children’s Liturgy
    - About 45 in the Franciscan room and the library at 10:00 am for Children’s Liturgy
    - About 50 in the library at noon for Liturgia de la Palabra
    - About 25 kids on Friday night Spanish group, using the library
    - 62 kids for Sacramental preparation using the name and other rooms
    - About 85 kids for Disciples Club every Wednesday using the narthex and other rooms
    - This is around 300 kids- some are in more than one program
* It is difficult for the large preschool to share the nursery because the have quite a bit of furniture to move on Friday and the put back in place on Monday
* It is difficult for the smaller preschool program to share the table and chair room and the Franciscan room, because of the parish’s heavy use of the Franciscan room and the table and chair room. Sometimes their things get moved, and they have to rearrange a fair amount of furniture every time they meet.
* It is also difficult for the parish people, because it is just too difficult to ask for access during the week and there have been complaints from the school about finding their things out of place.
* We need to have access to the nursery for the little kids who come along with these older kids. If we had free access to the nursery we could develop a good childcare program for very young kids. As it is they are more or less cared for by parents who are distracted from their older kids program.
* It would be good for the parish to help the school raise the money for a portable classroom, which could be used by both preschool programs on a schedule that would accommodate them.
* Having full access to the table and chair room, the Franciscan room and the nursery would give us the help we need to fully develop our children’s program.
* Jason will talk to Facilities about this idea and also about remodeling lower Brendan House

**PASTOR’S REPORT**

* Fr Jim is teaching in the 8th grade classroom
* The school is working on their accreditation
* Penance Service is on December 16th

**EYES AND EARS:**

* Classes on the Year of Mercy will be held after the Saturday morning Mass during Advent
* In the event of a disaster the church does not currently have a plan. The school has a plan. Linda is going to work with some of our parishioners in law enforcement and start to develop a plan.
  + - Also would like to incorporate pray into both plans.

**Liaison Reports: Facilities** (Jason)

* + Lacked quorum (2 members), so meeting was short. Discussion on outside lights. There is a rebate if we replace the light prior to mid January.

**Stewardship** (Jay)

* + No report as no one was able to attend

**Finance** (Fr. Jim)

* + $688,000 pledged so far in the annual Stewardship campaign for the parish. 388 cards returned.

**School**

* + No report

**Faith Formation** (Brigette)

* + No report

**Hispanic** (Reinaldo):

* Lady of Guadalupe coming up. Display will be in the Narthex rather than the Nave; that will allow for it to be up longer and to cut down on the work necessary to change
* Spanish Retreat is scheduled for June
* Food after Mass at the 2nd Sunday Spanish Mass is going well. November raised $500.00 and the next is scheduled for December 13th

**Worship and Spiritual Life** (Peggy):

* Liturgical Ministers training was well attended and well done.
* Discussed the Advent schedule.
* Advent planning. The Nativity and tress will move to a different place in the church this year. The Advent wreath will stay in the same place.
* Soup Night planning has begun as well as planning for the Stations. Looking for ways to involve more youth.

**Life, Peace and Justice** (John):

* May reschedule “Tipping Point” video, low attendance at slide shows made them reconsider
* Linda recommended 'Little Boy' as something closer to home and that can be related with more easily.

**Upcoming:**

* Christmas Services and the Soul on Fire in January.

**CLOSING PRAYER and ADJOURNMENT:**

Pastoral Council closed at 8:30 PM with a prayer by Fr. Jim.