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

**February 4, 2016**

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**ATTENDING**: Fr. Jim Northrop, Linda Haptonstall, Brigette Blair, John Bush**,** Desiree Engel, Chris Flynn, Jay Green, Jason Swager

**ABSENT**: Reinaldo Aguilar

**VISITING:** None

**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: None**

**PASTOR’S REPORT**

* Fr Jim has posted the presentations from the Word of Fire Retreat
* Confirmation for our youth will be at Blessed Teresa on May 1st
* Penance Service is on March 16th. It is generally well attended although there was a discussion about whether or not a Penance service is still needed since Fr. Jim is offering additional reconciliation times during the week
* One more Good Shepherds/Good Leaders class
* We had 6 men apply for the Deacon program and 4 have made it to the next step
* Tear of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Cathedral is planned for our parish on March 10th. The plan is to meet at the parish at 5:45 pm and leave at 6:00 pm
* There was a joint meeting in January of the Chairs and Co Chairs of the Stewardship, Finance and Pastoral Council and Fr. Jim

**EYES AND EARS:**

* Soul on Fire retreat went well, although attendance was low
* Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass- could we have a meal afterwards
* Pastoroles- Could we have English translations next year? There were some handouts, but all of the instructions were in Spanish only
* Discernment is coming. We need to consider new members. This year is the end of Jason, John and Chris’ 2nd term. Peggy has moved to Virginia as well.
* Giving Tree and the Spanish Meal after Mass were both booked in the Narthex at the same time on the same day. Also not many helpers for distributing the gifts. So next year

**Liaison Reports: Facilities** (Jason)

* + The lighting rebate has been extended 9 months. If we are able to replace the parking lot lights within this time frame we can do so at a substantial savings
  + There was a discussion on remodeling lower Brendan House for use by the preschool and other groups. Still working to get a good estimate on what it would cost. Also considering a portable classroom. Parish Auction Fund a Need may still help cover part of the costs

**Stewardship** (Jay)

* + Ministry Fair is April 24th and 25th. Time and Talent talk is also that weekend

**Finance** (Fr. Jim)

* + No Meeting

**School** (Desiree)

* + Brian has made changes to the Jr. High model, now includes 6, 7 and 8th grades
  + Registration information was sent out recently and the is a 3.5% increase across the board
  + Need to understand the numbers for remodeling lower Brendan House. Currently there is money in an account for a covered playground that has been there for 8-9 years. That money could possibly be used to help cover the costs
  + Pre Meeting for Accreditation happened this past week
  + We are currently celebrating Catholic Schools Week
  + March 11th, 2017 is the 50th anniversary of St. Brendan school

**Faith Formation** (Linda)

* + Moved their meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of each month and also moved the start time to 6:00 pm
  + Working on developing their by-laws
  + Whole Family Catechesis will be on 3 Wednesdays during Lent (6:00-7:30). February 17th and 24th and March 2nd.
  + Corporal Works of Mercy, Reconciliation and Spiritual Works of Mercy are the topics

**Hispanic** (Linda):

* Friday night is going very well

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

* Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper are scheduled
* Pilgrimage to the Cathedral is schedule for March 10th
* Commission is reviewing the Triduum books from last year
* Jay will cover the meeting in March

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

* No Meeting

**Discernment of Parish Priorities:**

* Pastoral Care
  + Finish 5 year Plan
  + Staff: Continue to volunteer help. Point out where change may be needed
* Faith Formation
  + Whole family faith formation
    - Youth
  + Adult faith formation
  + How to work adults into whole family catechesis
  + Whole family programs including Pre-K
  + Instill individual responsibility to reference the teachings of the Church. Make the Catechism of the CC a part of your personal library
  + Grow the youth program
* Technology/Communications
  + Improve (continue to) communications to the parish
  + Integrate Parish App with the Website
* Peace and Justice
  + Teach broad teaching of the Church
  + Sister parish in Malawi
* School
  + Better communication, cooperation between the parish and the school
  + Get school parents involved in parish, no support no in-parish tuition
  + Be upfront about parish meeting school shortfalls
* Stewardship/Finance
  + Better communication of finance status
    - Simplify, timely and accurate
    - Forthcoming with information
  + Increase giving
* Facilities
  + Remodel of Lower Brendan House
  + Easier not to double book
  + Keep up on regular maintenance
* Hispanic Ministry
  + Continue to invite the English community- Doing well
  + Advertise Café to English community
  + Create awareness in the Hispanic community that during bi-cultural food events more attention needs to be paid to being more orderly when waiting in line, no cutting
* Liturgy
  + Bring more Joy to the Mass
  + More learning Masses so I can learn
    - What am I supposed to do
  + Ways to engage adults so they better understand the Mass and our Faith
  + Training for cantors
  + Name tag month
  + Greet people at the door

**Upcoming:**

* Continue working on 2016 parish priorities

**CLOSING PRAYER and ADJOURNMENT:**

Pastoral Council closed at 9:05 PM with a prayer by Fr. Jim.