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

**March 3, 2016**

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**ATTENDING**: Fr. Jim Northrop, Linda Haptonstall, Reinaldo Aguilar, Brigette Blair, Desiree Engel, Jay Green, Jason Swager

**ABSENT**: John Bush**,** Chris Flynn

**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 Brigette as a reminder of what we are called to do.

**Open Microphone: None**

**PASTOR’S REPORT**

* Religious Education Congress (February 25-28)
  + Really good sessions
  + Mark Hart- no magic bullet
* Fr. Jim and Linda had their planning day on Monday February 29th
* Fr. Jim was at the Institute the week before (February 15-21)
* We are currently lagging behind in giving to meet our budget
* Pilgrimage to the cathedral is next week. Meet at the parish at 5:45 and leave at 6:00
* Fr Jim will be doing a parish mission at another parish (March 7-9)
* Penance service on March 16th
* Chrism Mass is on March 17th
* Fr. Jim had is interview as part of the school accreditation

**EYES AND EARS:**

* No working mic at the 5:00 or the 8:00 last weekend (Feb 27 and 28)
* Life Teen- Teens were folding CRS Rice Bowls at meetings
* The movie Little Boy was shown in the narthex on March 5th

**Liaison Reports: Facilities** (Jason)

* + 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. City of Bothell is very strict about remodels. Uncertain if we would have to bring the entire building up to code
  + Also considering a portable classroom.
  + Not able to do Parish Auction Fund a Need to cover part of the costs

**Stewardship** (Jay)

* + Ministry Fair is April 24th and 25th. Time and Talent talk is also that weekend; Larry Pomada will be the speaker. The commission is getting the materials together.
  + Phone a thon for those parishioners who have not sent in their pledge cards. There does not seem to be a clear process to remove people from the system or how to mark them inactive
  + Finances continue to be a concern. Decline in the number of parishioners since 2006
  + Communication within the parish is still a concern

**Finance** (Jason reporting for Chris)

* + 2/3 through calling the 1400 parishioners who did not return a pledge card
  + Christmas numbers were about 10K higher
  + Annual Catholic Appeal- still about $7,000 short in pledges and about $17,000 in what has been collected. The parish will need to make up the difference
  + So far we have about $880,000 in stewardship pledges to the parish this year. We currently have a 1.3M budget
  + We will have a parish audit this year by the Archdiocese- but no date is set yet.

**School** (Desiree)

* + Accreditation is complete
  + Good turnout for the school open house
  + Holy Water Founts have been added to each classroom
  + April 30th- there will be a retirement party for Mrs. Babbs, who retired in March
  + March 11th, 2017 is the 50th anniversary of St. Brendan school
  + Concern around setting budgets for next year

**Faith Formation** (Brigette)

* + Working on developing their by-laws

**Hispanic** (Linda):

* Every 2nd Sunday teens run the Mass. (Music, Hospitality etc.) It is going very well
* Friday Nights continue to have new kids and adults joining. The kids enjoy it when Andrew is able to attend

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

* Pony/donkey/horse at the 5:00 pm and Noon Mass for Palm Sunday
* Communal Penance service will be on March 16th
* Soup Nights are going well
* Living Stations are on March 18th

**Life, Peace and Justice** (Jason reporting for John):

* Soup Night on March 18th
* Sending Vows of Nonviolence to Andrea for a Sunday in May

**Discernment of Parish Priorities:**

* Pastoral Care
  + Finish 5 year Plan XX
  + Staff: Continue to volunteer help. Point out where change may be needed
* Faith Formation
  + Whole family faith formation XXXX
    - Youth
  + Adult faith formation X
  + How to work adults into whole family catechesis X
  + Whole family programs including Pre-K X
  + Instill individual responsibility to reference the teachings of the Church. Make the Catechism of the CC a part of your personal library X
  + Grow the youth program XXX
* Technology/Communications
  + Improve (continue to) communications to the parish X
  + 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 X
  + Get school parents involved in parish, no support no in-parish tuition X
  + Be upfront about parish meeting school shortfalls
* Stewardship/Finance
  + Better communication of finance status XXXXXX
    - Simplify, timely and accurate
    - Forthcoming with information
  + Increase giving X
  + Improved Fundraising Process X
* Facilities
  + Remodel of Lower Brendan House X
  + Easier not to double book
  + Keep up on regular maintenance
* Hispanic Ministry
  + Continue to invite the English community- Doing well X
  + Advertise Convivencia to English community X
  + 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 X
* Liturgy
  + Bring more Joy to the Mass
  + More learning Masses so I can learn X
    - 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 XX

**Results of Discernment of Parish Priorities:**

* We had 5 priorities that received more than 1 vote- highlighted in green. We had several that

received 1 vote- highlighted in yellow.

**Upcoming:**

* Discernment for new Members

**CLOSING PRAYER and ADJOURNMENT:**

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