# **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.