

Saint Brendan Parish: Pastoral Council Meeting

January 4, 2023

Attending: Dale Garrett, Greg Van Hollebeke, Saul Manzano, Adrian Mascarenhas, Sandra Kinsey, April Thomas, and Fr. Wichert. **Absent:** Innocent Deepa Urban

Call to Order: Meeting started at 7:10pm

Approval of Minutes: Approved for October

Pastor's Report:

- Finances/admin - going well, lots of new staff onboarding
- Sanctuary update - feedback sent to Studio.io, other feedback received and need to set up another time to review. No additional updates from Studio.io
- Entryway - Original designer backed out of the job, working with the same contractor, different designer now
- School news - open house end of January, speaker coming in for Catholic Schools week
- Holy land pilgrimage - incredible time spent in prayer. There were some struggles (sickness/injury) early on with some of the pilgrims. Overall great trip
- Christmas services update - 5pm was the most attended, still some room for seats. 8pm > midnight mass attendance, 9am did better than expected, same with Spanish mass. Next year Christmas Eve is on Sunday

Good of Order/Other Discussions:

- Idea - Epiphany celebration by the Hispanic community
- Idea - add to bulletin call for vocations
- Some setbacks on setting up the youth group
- Women's conference not happening this year
- Podcasts - Catechism in a Year w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz
- Council members think of recommendations for new members, looking to add 1-2 more.

Feedback from parishioners:

- Hispanic community - there was some miscommunication between the mariachi band and the choir. Need to improve communications for the future
- Parish voicemail stated the priest on-call was for King County only

Upcoming Events:

- Father is traveling to Alabama, will be gone Jan 23rd - 30th
- Sisters visiting in May 2023
- Praise & Prayer began Jan 7th
- Review Synod report with council members (and former) at next meeting, February 1st

Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm