

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish
January 13, 2022

Present: Msgr Brennan Mike Lenahan
 Rob Vella Vanessa Valenzuela
 Emma McCabe Bob McKeefrey
 Leah Tahiry Fr Bastian

Absent: Alexis Finniss Chris Haidon
 Fr Matt King Gary Mitchell
 Mary Ann Miller

Staff Member: Sr. Lucy Clynes, DW

- I. Prayers for the Church, in Thanksgiving for Our Call to Baptism
- II. Meeting Minutes Approved
- III. Mike outlined the committee process and the need to be thorough. Mike said that once a topic has been vetted, feel free to move forward with recommendation. You will recommend to the council who may then recommend or may have questions or suggestions. You do not need to have a report every meeting. Mike asked that if you have a recommendation, please email it to him in full before the meeting.

IV. Committee updates:

Adoration & The Sacraments—Gary was not able to make the meeting.

Children, Youth, & Young Adults—Vanessa asked who the person of contact would be to reach out regarding the nursery.

Msgr. Brennan noted that it is okay to reach out to staff if needed for questions.

Communication—Alexis was not able to make the meeting.

Faith Formation—Mike did not have an update at this meeting.

Ministry Improvement—Bob did not have an update at this meeting.

Outreach—Mary Ann was not able to make the meeting but did have a handout.

Retreats—Emma asked who to reach out to about emailing information to the parish about local retreats. Sister Lucy said she would be able to help.

Social & Fellowship—Rob said that they are still investigating but their group did just meet and will be interviewing people soon for feedback.

Speaker Series—Chris was not able to make the meeting but did email to say they are still investigating. He sent a report.

The Mass—Leah said that she is reviewing the feedback.

V. Msgr. Brennan mentioned the rise of COVID cases and asked all to pray for those who have COVID and to pray for the outbreak. He mentioned that they have two staff meetings a month so that everyone is always up to date. Once a month the meeting is full staff, the other meeting is the executive staff. Once recommendations are made Msgr. will process with the staff. Msgr. then mentioned that the Christmas Mass attendance was good but that the weekend Mass attendance had been dropping, most likely due to COVID, and more people are wearing masks to Mass.

Mike asked Msgr. Brennan what council members should consider in terms of finance when it came to their recommendations. Msgr. Brennan said that the primary mission of the church was pastoral. He said to make note of finances when you can in your recommendations if you have any information on it.

VI. Final prayer, meeting ended.

Next Meeting: February 24th. NB Newcomers Meeting afterwards that Council members will hopefully attend.