

SS. Peter and Paul
Cumberland, MD 21502
Pastoral Council Minutes
Thursday February 21st, 2008
6:30pm

In Attendance:		Excused:		Guests:
Fr. Jim	Fr. Bernard	Michele McGuire	Derek O'Neal	Alex Trainor
Mary Ann Peer	Jeff Beck	Ed Huber	Emily Russell	Carol Levine
Dick Puderbaugh	John Winner	John Steiner	Jennifer Bonig	Barbara Nies
Pat DiMaio	Tim Mullaney	John Treadwell	Hal Rhoads	
Bucky Whiteman	Lou Petronella	Sue Schulten	Sam Torres	
Bob Fair				

The meeting was called to order by Bob Fair.

Opening Prayer was asked by Pat DiMaio and Mary Ann Peer.

The December minutes were approved as submitted.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Pastoral Council Candidates

The roster of candidates for the March election was presented by Pat Dimaiio.

Ann Browning	Karen Bundy
Nancy Chirdon	Angela Fetchero
William Greise	Karen Haines
Brian Patton	Jean Patton
Karen Persons	Anthony Pindari
Sam Torres	

Sam Torres is currently serving on council. Karen Haines, Brian Patton and Karen Persons have been candidates in the past.

The election will be held the weekend of 3/29 and 3/30 at all masses.

John Winner offered his thanks to Jeff Beck for his work as secretary on the council. All members present joined in.

Committee Budget Call

Bob Fair reminded the council that committee budget requests were due to the finance committee this month. The budgets may be projected from last fiscal years' data. Religious education, Adult education and Youth Ministry are required to submit budget requests.

2nd quarter financial report

John Treadwell emailed the financial report to all members prior to the meeting. Any questions may be directed to Ed Huber or the finance committee members.

Properties Update

Dick Puderbaugh reported that most projects are completed with the exception of the electrical work in hall which is still in progress.

Bob Fair asked about painting of the hall interior. Fr. Jim replied that some painting will be done over areas where the wall is being patched. Dick noted that the entire paint job has not been scheduled. Building and planning committee will solicit bids for painting due to the need for spraying of the ceiling and high walls.

Jeff Beck asked the maintenance committee to look into the condition of the mortar joints on the flagstone porch deck at the church entrance. Dick Puderbaugh replied that we may be able to repair the stonework in-house.

Eagle Scout project details – Guests Alex Trainor and Carol Levine

Alex Trainor, Eagle scout candidate and his mother, Carol Levine detailed the council on the proposed Eagle Scout project and asked for the council's help in determining the scope of the work to be performed.

The Eagle Scout project must involve 80 man-hours in total. The time may be distributed between labor, planning, fund raising and project administration. Mr. Trainor's project will involve enhancing the Madonna Shrine located in the parish garden near the Kentucky Coffee Bean Tree. The work to be done will include cleaning of the statue, landscaping, and construction of a bench or kneeler. The council members offered that the bench would be more useful. Tim Mullaney suggested a wrought iron style bench. Dick Puderbaugh offered that a bench may also be constructed of pressure treated lumber.

Mr. Trainor proposed to raise funds by means of a 50/50 raffle and donations.

Carol Levine asked the council for suggestions for the dedication plaque and also about expectations on when the work should be completed.

Barbara Nies offered to supply the name of the vendor she has used for several dedication plaques that she has had installed around the parish grounds.

The members recommended that Alex's plan be committed to paper and a working version be submitted for review before establishing a time line. Ideally, the work would be completed by the end of May, pending approval of the plan.

Youth dinner finances

Bob Fair opened the discussion for clarification of the Spaghetti dinner report. Since the dinner was a first time event, it was hard to estimate the number of dinners that would be served. At the wrap up report, a profit of approximately \$400 was noted. This number has been restated to better reflect the supplies (paper, etc.) that were transferred to the parish general use area in the hall. Finances for the dinner now stand at "break even" and an increase of \$400 in supplies for use by any parish committee or function.

By-laws amendment distribution

Jeff Beck detailed the changes needed to members' copies of the by-laws and handed out the replacement pages to all present.

Parish Sign Project – Guest Barbara Nies

Barbara Nies attended the meeting to offer details of the proposed parish sign project. She had written a letter to secretary Jeff Beck and asked him to conduct her presentation to the council.

Jeff detailed the intention of Ms. Nies sign proposal and reminded the council members of some history surrounding the issue. A copy of the letter was distributed to all members at the meeting. While reviewing the letter, Jeff Beck noted that, in his opinion, the council needed to address the proposal rather than delaying action by referring to the eventual implementation of the Parish Master Plan.

In summary of the letter, Ms. Nies has made an initial contribution of \$1000.00 to the parish to establish the sign fund. She has proposed several designs to Fr. Jim. Further, she has suggested that the art department at BW ask students to participate in a contest to design a sign for the parish. The winner will receive a \$25 cash prize or a \$50 EE savings bond.

Some lively discussion was exchanged with the outcome being that the council will accept this idea as a first step toward the sign. Any winning entry must be conformed to the guidelines established by the Cumberland Historic Preservation Committee.

Bob Fair accepted a motion to move forward with the planning of the sign.

Tim Mullaney and Barbara Nies will collaborate. Tim will draw up a letter to solicit the help of the BW art students with details of the proposal.

Dick Puderbaugh suggested the replacement of 3 light fixtures on the church with something that will be compatible with the sign project.

Another issue surfaced while discussing the sign project. The possible installation of a handicap “powered” door on the side of the church building was re-visited. Originally, the idea called for removal of the system from the unused SJN building. Dick Puderbaugh noted that the project was on hold pending a solution for possible injury of folks standing outside when the door opened. Visibility seems to be an issue. Jeff Beck suggested the project needed to move forward by considering replacement of the frosted door glass with a clear pane as is common in retail installations of similar openers.

Prep Update

Mary Ann Peer noted that we have several new PREP students. Parish maintenance staff recently added bulletin boards for the PREP use in the parish center. She was happy to see such a large surface devoted to the students.

PREP students have a goal of 500 food items to be donated to St. Anthony Place. They are about half way to the goal. The challenge runs thru the end of March.

Youth Update

Tabled – members excused from this meeting.

Open Forum

Fr. Jim detailed the council on a strategic planning study to begin soon by Archdiocese of Baltimore. The Archdiocese will ask for 2 representatives from each Cumberland Parish (St. Mary, St. Patrick, SS. Peter and Paul) and also include St. Ambrose, Cresaptown. Msgr. Bevan is the chairperson. Archdiocese of Baltimore is hoping to secure representation from the province of St. Augustine, Pittsburgh. Our own friars are members of St. Augustine province.

The plan will address the needs of the area, staffing of parishes, general operations, and real property holdings to name a few items. Fr. Hipsley from St. Mary will be retiring in June 2008 and Msgr. Bevan is considering retirement in 2010. The first meeting should be this month, or soon thereafter.

Mary Ann Peer offered "Thanks" for donations for Haiti – money or medical supplies.
20 boxes were shipped last week.

Bob Fair accepted donation of 12 tables for the parish hall. The tables were offered at BW on primary election day. Bob will arrange for transportation of the tables to the parish in the next few weeks.

Lou Petronella spoke to a delegate recently about HB 858 MD which proposes extending the statute of limitations for civil suit in cases dealing with child sexual abuse. The bill unfairly would allow targeting of private and religious groups or organizations while not addressing public institutions and schools.

The bill's progress can be tracked at <http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/billfile/HB0858.htm>

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey D. Beck, Secretary.