

SS. Peter and Paul
Cumberland, MD 21502
Pastoral Council Minutes
Thursday December 20th, 2007
6:30pm

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

The meeting was called to order by John Treadwell.

Opening Prayer was asked by Derek O'Neal and Emily Russell.

The November minutes were approved as corrected. Michele McGuire is now listed as excused.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

By Laws amendment

Bob Fair presented the by laws amendment centered on verbiage on the section pertaining to the nominating committee for potential council members. The amendment passed by 14-1 vote. A new copy of the by-laws will be produced and distributed at a future meeting.

Nominating Committee

6 seats will be open for election at the March meeting

Michele McGuire and Mary Ann Peer and Pat DiMaio volunteer to serve on the committee.

Pat DiMaio is the chairperson.

The following are the seats available.

Jeff Beck, Ed Huber, Dick Puderbaugh, John Steiner, Sam Torres, John Winner.

Of those current members, all are eligible to serve again excepting Dick Puderbaugh, who is completing his second consecutive term.

Properties Update

Fr. Jim has received the proposal from Town Center Development Group, LLC.

Summation: Developers propose to purchase the SJN building for 1 dollar. The developer would lease the renovated gym area back to the parish for \$69,858 per annum x 10 years. The remainder of the space in the building would be renovated according to historical specifications into Loft Style, Luxury apartments to be rented at market rates. 25 units would be developed. The proposal further specifies that 35 parking spaces in the garden area. The proposal is contingent upon grant monies and tax credits.

The Parish hall is undergoing electrical work in the stage area at the present time.

Youth Dinner Update

Original dinner planning was estimated at 1000 dinners served. Less than 500 served, extra supplies are available for use.

Feedback – take out should be available both days. Sell 50/50 tickets in advance. Climate in the hall was a factor. (Lack of air conditioning)

Profit is 438.08 after expenses. There are some logistical problems to be studied and worked out for next

Liturgy Committee Update

Planning for advent was worked on. A family reconciliation service was planned, as was rosary meditation. Fr. Jim reported weather was a factor in light turn out (to the reconciliation service). Michele McGuire urged members to participate in these special devotions.

Lou Petronella gave feedback for positive use of the leader of the rosary.

The next meeting will include planning for lent and Easter.

Altar servers: youth members are assembling a group of 4 seasoned servers to help train and recruit new and existing servers. The server committee will work closely with the priests. A year end activity in recognition of the servers' dedication and hard work will be held.

Open Forum

Pat DiMaio noted that the original cornerstone from 1868 is installed in the SJN building. He wants to preserve this. Also discussed was disposition of the crucifix in the SJN building.

John Treadwell stated that several proposals for the crucifix have been identified. Jennifer Bonig suggested that the parish hall may be a suitable home.

Pat DiMaio also showed an order sheet that is used at St. Anthony's in Ridgeley. The sheet sells a commemorative plaque that is attached to the parish wall. It is used as a fundraiser.

Fr. Jim noted that the parish directories are now available. Thanks to the Directory committee for the great job.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm for the party.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey D. Beck, Secretary.