

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Parish Advisory Council

January 8, 2008

1) OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mike Varrieur, Chairman. Father Moretti, Parish Administrator, led the opening prayer. The following PAC members were in attendance:

Mike Varrieur	Chairman	Pam Bingnear	Secretary
Jim Casey	Vice-Chairman	Kathy Braga	MAL
Kelley Dragonette	Arbor	Renee Cantave	MAL
Pat Scherer	Ex-Officio	Paul Novy	MAL
Bob Swedock	Finance	Mike Conk	RE
Mary Ann Jones	Human Concerns	Brenda Accornero	Respect Life
Tom Walton	K of C	Hector Dittamo	SEAS Shopping Certificates
Liz Holmes	Liturgy	Theresa Dittamo	SEAS Shopping Certificates
Michele Crecca	MAL	Marie Lubash	Youth

2) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The December 11, 2007 minutes were approved by motion of Theresa Dittamo and second by Mike Conk. Minutes were unanimously approved.

3) NEW BUSINESS:

Parish Organization Sales— Statistics were provided by three (3) organizations regarding their groups' sales as related to the policy change concerning where sales can take place. Mary Ann Jones noted that the Seton Crafters and the Human Concerns Bake Sales saw no differences. The SEAS Certificates stated their sales were affected not by location but rather by the Mass' length and/or what other activities were going on in the Fellowship area. Tom Walton presented the K of C numbers: Hoagie Sales were off by 40% for 2006 vs. 2007. Christmas card sales also showed a drop in numbers.

The Executive Board presented a possible template (see Attachment) for sales with the idea being that the MAL would be responsible to coordinate with the groups to determine if scheduling completed, set-ups, etc. A good brain storming session followed. Discussion ended with the recommendation that everyone keep their thinking caps on and to email all ideas and comments to Mike Varrieur and Pam Bingnear. Comments will be collated for the February meeting.

4) OLD BUSINESS:

Fellowship Area Update – Signage has been hung but the group believes that it was not well planned. It was noted that the set-ups were to be around the perimeter of the Fellowship area. This has not occurred. Father Mark requested Hector Dittamo to diagram the past weekends' set-up for planning purposes.

A question arose concerning Coffee-After-Mass. The topic will be revisited in the near future.

2008 Parish Council Elections – Ballots were distributed to all eligible members of the council. All were asked to vote for two of the three candidates on the nomination ballot. Pat Scherer and Pam Bingnear tallied the votes. Results of the election have Michele Crecca and Renee Cantave remaining as Members at Large.

Committee Chair Openings – Fellowship is the remaining committee that is chair-less. The sign-up sheets from the September Ministry Fair were turned in to the Office. Mike will obtain the sheets, review and report back to the group in February.

5) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Worship Watch – No discussion items.

B. Member at Large – Renee Cantave announced that “Pizza with the Pastor” was scheduled for January 18th, 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall.

C. Arbor – No discussion items.

D. Maintenance – No report.

E. Marie Pelletier – No report.

F. Welcoming Committee – No report.

G. Respect Life – Brenda Accornero reported that the March for Life in Washington was scheduled for January 22nd. Two buses will be used to transport parishioners to the event.

The brother of Terry Schiavo will be speaking 1/18/08 at St. Raymond Parish. All are invited to attend.

Tepeyac Center has added three physicians to staff and will be expanding the Divine Mercy practice.

H. SEAS Shopping Certificates – Approximately 1,000 White House Christmas ornaments were sold this year. Certificate Christmas sales averaged \$25,000/week.

I. Knights of Columbus – Tom Walton noted that the December activities were successful. January’s big event will be the Super Bowl Hoagie Sales. Tom asked for and received approval to hold sales outside the doors.

J. Youth -- See attached report as given by Marie Lubash. She also noted that there was a 340% increase in the number of teens attending the January All-Night Adoration.

K. Finance – Preliminary figures for the Christmas collections are \$11,000.

L. Human Concerns – Mary Ann Jones continues to work on all projects. Volunteers are always needed.

M. Ex-Officio – Pat inquired on the status of the SEAS Medal. Father reported that the design is with the Keystone Mint.

N. Liturgy – Liz Holmes requested feedback for the Advent Wreath lighting ceremonies as well as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

O. Religious Education – No discussion items.

6) PASTOR’S COMMENTS:

Father Moretti noted the following items: 1) The teenagers’ attendance at All-Night Adoration is great. He is pleased with the devotion of the youth and sees a deeper involvement. 2) Pope Benedict’s upcoming visit to Washington, D.C will promote the Pro-Life message. 3) The Arbor Committee continues to do a fantastic job! Kudos from everyone. 4) Compliments continue to be received about the new crèche. It was a successful group effort.

7) CLOSING PRAYER

Fr. Mark led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Bingnear

PARISH ORGANIZATIONAL SALES, SIGNUPS, AND DONATIONS

Upstairs: (not money oriented)

1. Signups for SEAS sponsored events/functions:
No ticket sales
2. Donations for SEAS sponsored charitable events, organizations
3. Information Oriented Tables

Outside Front Doors:

1. Limited Sales: Fundraising for SEAS Organizations
2. Non- interference with egress/ingress - 1 Table

Downstairs:

1. Prior scheduling guidance applies
2. Parish sponsored ticket sales permissible
3. Parish sponsored sales permissible
4. Organizational tables

Members -at-Large coordinated activities, Parish calendar scheduling still applies.

Youth Ministry Report
January 8, 2008

- It is anticipated that CCD classes will start on Sunday, January 20, 2008. There are 6 catechists currently undergoing training. The Wednesday Theology of the Body sessions will continue to be held, but may change to Sunday during the next school year.
- A spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008. The money raised during this event will help fund the ski trip, which will be held the last weekend in January.

A tentative date for the Honduras trip is mid-July. It is anticipated that 10 teens will participate in this trip. Additional information will be forthcoming about this trip. Car raffle tickets will again be sold to help fund this event.

There were 17 teens who attended Holy Hour this past weekend from 4AM-5AM. This is a 340% increase from the 5 who attended in December!

- A "Starbucks Day" is in the planning stages. More information to follow.

There will be a diocesan meeting next month concerning work camp. It will be held this year in Orange, Virginia and will be limited to 20 teens. The dates for the camp will be June 21-27 and the cost will be about \$400. The group that will be attending the work camp will be looking for "contractor" volunteers to be on site with the teens during the week long camp.

There are plans to attend a youth conference at Steubenville University during the weekend of June 13-15. There are currently 65 spaces reserved for this conference and the cost is approximately \$155.