

# **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church**

## **Pastor's Advisory Council Minutes**

### **March 3, 2010**

A meeting of the Pastor's Advisory Council was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 with the following members in attendance: Ann Benedict, Marian Chesney, Anna Deane, John Feudale, Jan Kanaskie, Stephen Major, Susan Singh, Edward Valeyko, Helen Vought, and Joseph Yale. Father Al thanked everyone for attending and the meeting opened with a prayer.

1. The January minutes were reviewed and approved with no omissions or corrections. Marian Chesney made a motion to approve the minutes and Jan Kanaskie made a motion to second that approval.

#### **2. Update on New Building**

A. Father Al gave a general update on our new Parish Center in regards the Open House that will be held on Palm Sunday after all Masses. The building will be done by Tuesday, March 10 with then two weeks to complete the punch list. We are scheduled to get the keys on March 24. The exterior paving, regarding, macadam and landscaping front and back should take place in April. The floors are scheduled to be stripped and sealed professionally. The elevator will be ready for use by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

B. The formal dedication of our new Parish Center will take place on Sunday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m. with Father Chet Snyder officiating a prayer service with dedication. Father Al stated that he would like the committee to be present.

C. The tractor trailer containing all of the furnishings recently purchased at the Lititz School District public auction will be unloaded on April 9/10 weekend and an announcement and bulletin article will ask for volunteers to help. Father Al stated that we certainly got a great deal and for \$1,280.00 we will be able to furnish the entire building.

D. The portraits of our pastors are being reframed and will be hung in the new parish center.

#### **3. Issues for Discussion**

A. Father Al asked if we should add on approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 to our project and have the paving done all around the front and back of the building and then up between the rectory and chapel area. Everyone agreed that this should be done while the equipment will be here and finish it once and for all.

B. After School Care was further discussed, and again Father Al reported to the committee that this will in no way affect Our Lady of Lourdes' program. Apparently there is a wait list at the local daycare centers. It was decided to run bulletin ads and advertise in the local church bulletins when we are ready. Details will be worked out as we progress with this endeavor.

C. Part-time custodian has been hired. We received upwards of 105 applications and after interviewing five applicants, the committee consisting of Father Al, John Feudale, and Jack Maize decided on Craig Hensler. He has been hired for 20 hours/week. He will work from 8:00 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday. He is anxious to work on the social hall floor and is going to schedule the prisoners to come and move tables and chairs before and after. This work will be scheduled after the Lenten Fish Dinners are over.

D. The retired priest is coming in June. He will occupy the old office as his sitting room, the old tool room has been made into a laundry room, the old counting room as been made into his bedroom and the bathroom has been renovated. His office will be Father Slough's old office, and he will have the garage on that end for his use. He will help out with Masses and receives no salary. We will provide him with room and board. He will do one weekend Mass. Father Al is thinking of having morning Masses on Monday and Friday at 8:00 in the Church and then having Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Masses in the Chapel at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. If either priest is away, only the morning Mass will be offered on those days. Father Al asked the committee how they feel about a possible evening Mass during the week and everyone agreed that we should try it.

#### **4. Old Business/New Business**

A. It has been reported that a light is out at the rear entrance to the social hall and it is very dark and hard to use the outside steps, etc. The new street lights should be installed soon. Members questioned if we should consider sidewalk lighting.

B. Somehow the lighting in the classrooms was overdone, so the contractor kindly replaced all of our old lighting in the social hall, social hall bathrooms, social hall kitchen, and Eovacious Building with the leftover new lights.

C. The landscaping will be done with either mulch or stone and the area around the Statue of the Blessed Mother will be redone and Father Al was thinking of changing to flowering trees in that area.

D. The building comes with a Security System and for roughly around \$3,000 we could have one system for all buildings. The system could be on a timer and perhaps be set to arm at 10:00 p.m. and then disarm around 6:00 a.m. Everything will be re-keyed. The group voted unanimously to spend the \$3,000 and have it done. John Feudale made a motion to go ahead and Helen Vought seconded.

There will be sensors on the lights. We do not want motion detectors. Presently the alarm system is armed only after the Saturday evening Mass into Sunday morning because the evening Mass offertory is kept in the safe in the church overnight.

E. Carol will be retiring in May. We will advertise for two part-time positions, a secretary for the mornings and secretary/bookkeeper for afternoons. Father read the ads to the group, and we will begin advertising. We will also require a resume along with the applications.

F. Marian Chesney informed the group of her plans to have a Nativity Scene display in the social hall on the weekend of December 4 & 5<sup>th</sup>. She plans on donating the proceeds to the Good Samaritan Care Ministry.

G. The 13-week Social Club has sold over 400 tickets. The final Big Party will be held in our social hall on April 25.

H. Catholic Charities came up to check out our new building with the prospects of renting a room for their good works. They agreed that the building is beautiful and would be wonderful but that they cannot afford to do that presently as it has not been budgeted.

## **5. Next Meeting**

A. The next meeting will be held Monday evening, April 12, at 7:00 in the Parish Center. The meeting adjourned and Father Al closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Pastor's Advisory Council Secretary