

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church
Pastor's Advisory Council Minutes
November 18, 2010

A meeting of the Pastor's Advisory Council was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2010 with the following members in attendance: Edward Valeyko, Susan Singh, Tom Bradley, John Feudale, Jan Kanaskie, Ann Benedict, Joseph Yale, Helen Vought, Anna Dean, Joseph Yale, Brenda Roadarmel and Marian Chesney. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Joe Yale.

*On a motion by Ed Valeyko, and seconded by Tom Bradley, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved without any additions or corrections.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding the rental policy for the new Fr. Slough – K of C Hall and the Parish Social Hall. Although a policy does exist for the Parish Social Hall it is necessary to establish a consistent policy for the rental of both venues and appropriate rental pricing. In addition, the decision to permit alcohol at events on church property also is relevant to our rental/use policy. Due to the fact that there was a considerable amount of discussion with numerous comments a synopsis of the meeting is provided citing relevant comments and motions.

The first item of discussion was the issue of permitting alcohol to be served on the premises at church sponsored events.

*Comment: Alcohol was permitted a number of years ago but it was stopped after several incidents "got out of hand." There was not a rental agreement or policy in place at that time.

*Comment: Our liability is an issue with both a parish sponsored event and renting to a private party. We need to be certain that we are not held responsible for any incidents.

*Comment: Other parishes within our diocese hold events where alcohol is served without any problems.

*Comment: Only bottle or canned beer, and wine should be permitted. Keg beer or liquor should not be permitted.

*Motion by Stephen Major: Beer and Wine only be permitted for parish sponsored events with the permission of the pastor. Seconded by, Anna Deane.

Vote: 6-Yes 6-No The motion was defeated.

*Motion by Stephen Major: Any type of alcohol should be permitted for all parish events with the permission of the pastor. Seconded by, Brenda Roadarmel

Vote: 11-Yes 1-No The motion was approved.

POLICY: Alcohol will be permitted at parish sponsored events with the prior permission of the pastor; this includes social and fund-raising events. Alcohol may not be stored on the premises and must be removed when the event is over. Can or bottle beverages only will be permitted in the Fr. Slough-K of C Hall. Can, bottle or barrel beverages will be permitted in the Parish Social Hall or on the outside premises.

*Motion by Stephen Major: Any type of alcohol should not be permitted by any private party renting our facilities. Seconded by, Anna Deane

Vote: 4-Yes 8-No The motion was defeated.

*Although the general consensus of the majority of the group was to permit alcohol for private parties renting our facilities, there were still concerns. Primary concerns are what our responsibility is and if there is any liability issue. Sheila will check into any diocesan policies and also speak with Father Al. The issue of permitting alcohol at a private rental event will be placed on a special ballot. All members of the Council will receive this in the upcoming weeks via email or regular mail. Ballots will be returned prior to the next meeting date.

The next item of discussion focused on the rental time-frame for the halls.

Comment: Any event held on a Saturday should not begin until 6:30 p.m. because of parking for Mass.

Comment: Being a residential area we do not want to cause a disturbance to our neighbors.

Comment: Events should be over by 11:00 p.m. and garbage removal and general clean-up completed by 12:00 midnight.

Comment: What are the ordinances for Ralpho Township regarding noise (live bands or D.J.'s ?)

*The Council asked Steve Major (who is a Ralpho Township Official) to check on the ordinances especially with our upcoming Parish Festival. Steve will review the Township ordinances and get back to Sheila. This motion will also be placed on the special ballot.

Rental agreements for both halls will be prepared for the next meeting. A cleaning fee would be incorporated into the rental fee. The agreements would be reviewed at the next meeting and any additions or changes could be made. It was suggested that Atty. Paige Rosini, a member of our parish, review the agreements before we begin using them.

Sheila Olsheskie and Jan Kanaskie gave an update on the Parish Festival, announcing that the dates for 2011 will be July 29th and 30th. The motion earlier in the meeting allows alcohol to be served at this function. Sheila explained the plans to insure that it is controlled during the event. 1) Only beer would be available in a specific area of the grounds. No one would be permitted to leave that area with a beer in their possession. 2) Upon entering the "beer tent" the individual would present their I.D, once it is verified that they are of legal age they would receive a colored wristband indicating that they are approved. The wristband cannot be removed without it being cut off, thereby preventing someone passing it on to someone who is not of legal age to drink. 3) A different color of band would be used on each night. A flyer will be placed in the bulletin in the beginning of December informing the parish of the dates of the festival and noting the areas that we need help. The prospects for our festival look good and our initial meeting has generated many positive ideas.

Old Business

Marian Chesney reported that the Nativity Display that was tentatively scheduled for December 4th and 5th has been cancelled due to the small number of registrations received. We will look into having this again next year with an earlier registration date.

Anna Deane gave a verbal resignation from the Council effective immediately. Anna and her husband will be moving to California. Joe Yale expressed appreciation for her service on behalf of the entire Council.

Joe Yale thanked everyone for their attendance and dedication to the parish and ended the meeting at 8:15 p.m. with a prayer. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila L. Olsheskie
Pastor's Advisory Council Secretary