

# Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church

## Pastor's Advisory Council Minutes

### September 6, 2011

A meeting of the Pastor's Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 with the following members in attendance: Edward Valeyko, Jan Kanaskie, Tom Bradley, Brenda Roadarmel, Ann Benedict, Joseph Yale, Helen Vought, and Fr. Al Sceski., Paul Swartz, Susan Singh, John Feudale were not in attendance. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Al.

\*On a motion by Ed Valeyko and seconded by Ann Benedict, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

#### **\*Agenda items are noted in bold print.**

#### **Parish Finances**

Father Al provided a general financial update on the parish citing our fiscal year-end financial reports.

\*\$40,000+ cash balance at the end of the fiscal year. This figure reflects the initial deposit on the entrance work of the Chapel.

\*Capital Campaign will not officially end until October 31, 2011, however, parishioners are still faithfully paying on their pledges. We currently (6/30/11) have \$133,740.15 in the campaign savings account earning interest. These funds will be used to make a lump sum pay-down of our balance at which time we will re-amortize the mortgage. At that point we should be able to decrease the balance rather quickly.

\*Our parish is doing well financially! Tithing is going well and our parishioners should be credited for their support.

\*Although our Lenten Appeal assessment increased this year we are only \$5,500.00 short of our goal, compared to 2010 when we fell \$11,000.00 short of the goal.

+Brenda Roadarmel asked what our assessments are based on. – (Our regular income which is our Sunday and Holy Day offerings, not any extraordinary income.)

\*Our current assessment for Catholic Schools is \$120,000.00. We have seen a steady increase from about \$95,000.00 over the last 5 years.

#### **Chapel**

\*As noted at the April meeting, construction has begun as is almost completed. We are hoping that it will be ready for use sometime before mid-October. The completed project will provide ADA handicap accessibility and bathroom access to the Chapel. We also anticipate using the Chapel more which would provide a savings to the parish on heating and cooling the church.

+Jan Kanaskie inquired if there would be an additional entrance/exit to the Chapel. – (The construction meets all safety and handicap requirements.)

#### **Painting/Improvements**

\*The Knights of Columbus have been painting the exterior trim of the Chapel/Office/Fr. Slough-K of C Hall and the Rectory. This project has provided a fresher and updated look to the property and has pulled the entire complex together. Because of the dedication of a group of Knights this project, which could have proved costly, will only cost the Church a few gallons of paint.

\*The Knights will also complete the interior work on the new addition to the Chapel, which provides another saving to the parish.

### **Parish Van**

\*We were approached by Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School about the possibility of renting or purchasing our van. On a motion by Ed Valeyko and seconded by Jan Kanaskie it was agreed upon unanimously by the committee to sell the van to Lourdes. Father Al would negotiate a price. The van has only been utilized a few times and the parish is in need of a pickup truck to use for upkeep of the premises and snow plowing. The profit from the sale of the van would be applied to the purchase of a truck.

### **Evangelization**

\*Bishop McFadden encourages Parish Councils to focus more on evangelization than dealing with parish issues. Practice of our faith, bringing people back to the Church, welcoming activities should be a priority. The committee agreed that a concentrated focus should be on young adults in their twenties to mid-thirties. Our high school and junior high students also need attention. Issues addressed included; more activities for young adults and for teenagers, possibly an addition of a Sunday evening Mass that would be more appealing to younger individuals, inviting them to become more involved. Another item of discussion is the possibility of adding a part-time person to handle Youth Ministry. Fr. Al is also considering holding parent discussion classes during CCD class. We are also considering asking for high school and young adult representation on the council for more input.

### **Council Elections**

It is necessary to address open seats on the council and Fr. Al is currently reviewing the parish roles in search of possible candidates. Council meetings will now be held on Wednesday evenings in September, November, January, March and May.

+Benda Roadarmel asked if the daycare/pre-school idea was still a possibility. Fr. Al stated that it is still a possibility, but not during this year. Possibly for next school year.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was concluded with a prayer by Fr. Al at 8:03 p.m. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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