

Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting – June 3, 2008
Minutes
Approved August 12, 2008

1. **Call to Order** – Pam Kennedy called the meeting to order.

2. **Opening prayer** – Father Kevin led the opening prayer as Doug was not able to attend. Doug has promised to lead the prayer two times next year because of this!

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Father Kevin, Fr. Thomas, Lisa Sammon Roach, Carolyn Heskett, Denny Germann, Pam Kennedy, Julie Olson, Christine Shaffer, Kerry McCarthy, Patti Gartner, Karen Sommers, Lois Cleary and Larry Dozark

Absent: Doug Knutson, Wayne O'Connor, Fr. Michael, John Tobin

4. **Parishioner Comment (What have we seen and heard in the parish?)** – no comments

5. **Consent Agenda Items** –

- Vacation Bible School will be held the last week in July. They are looking for helpers. Helpers can be as young as kids going into 5th grade.
- Spirit Fest will be August 17th.
- Next year PPC and DMCS leadership will be meeting on the same nights. Three of the Review and Development Committees will also be meeting on the same night. This will allow better coordination between committees.

6. **Finance Committee Report – Denny**

- Collections are fairly steady. Only \$15K from the Endowment Fund will be needed this year.
- Family Faith Formation budget is on track. The NET expenses were met with fundraising. An anonymous donor will pick up whatever expenses are not fundraised next year. So NET will be here again next year and will appear as a separate item on the budget.
- Tuition assistance for Family Faith Formation doubled this year. Assistance will be provided for a little differently next year. Families will be asked to pay what they are able to pay.

7. **Pastors Report**

- Baccalaureate is tomorrow at FHS.
- DMCS has a new principal – Bob Seidel
- NET head offices are adding a position to help with parish based teams.
- Father Fernando starts July 1 and we have a Deacon for the summer – Deacon Mike.
- The new church is moving forward. Construction progress will be viewable on-line.

8. **Agenda Items**

A. New Beginnings

- Construction began mid-May. There will be bulletin insert next week with a further update on construction bids. Julie Fox will be posting construction progress on the website.
- Tech Committee – hired Sims Sound & video out of Winona for the sound system.
- Design Committee – interviewing security companies and pew providers
- Art Committee – working on bids for the Baptismal Font, Art and other items
- Trees and Landscaping – Carolyn heard from Thompson Tree Service about reduced price trees. Trees will also be something that will be available for parishioner's donations or memorials.

B. PPC Bylaws

Christine presented the final Bylaws. These were approved by the Archdiocese with one minor change. The change was affirmed by the council and the new Bylaws were signed. A copy will be forwarded to the Archdiocese.

C. Stewardship/Evangelization Task Force

- The Task Force is reviewing existing Stewardship programs and models to see if they would be valuable for Divine Mercy to follow.
- A training on customer service for volunteers and office staff is being developed.
- 4 people have registered for the August Stewardship Conference in Kansas.
- The task force is going to create a speaker series on Stewardship.

D. Budget Presentation

Lisa passed out and went over the final budget packet. It is the budget for FY 2008 and 2009. Budget was affirmed by the PPC.

E. Voting on Officers 08 -09

New officers:	PPC Chair	Christine Shaffer
	Vice – Chair	Karen Sommers
	Secretary	Patti Gartner

Next meeting is August 12th

****PPC will be meeting the 2nd Tuesdays of each month****

6:45 – Adoration Chapel

7:00 - Tomlinson Center

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Olson, Secretary