



- **Meeting Date: August 12, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church**
- **Meeting Called to Order by Karen Sommers**

**Members Present:**

**Fr. Kevin, Fr. Fernando, Lisa Sammon, Karen Sommers, Shane Pemrick, Dennis Germann, Patti Gartner, Lois Donahue Cleary, Doug Knutson, ,Bill Skluzacek, Betty Berge, Jorge Martinez, Brad Uptadel, Gene VonRuden, Jeff Pridie, and Carol Freed.**

**Opening Prayer: In Deacon Doug's absence, Shane led the group in reading of the Gospel passage, John 6:51-58**

**Pastor's Report:**

- **Prepare, say thank you, and welcome to all at upcoming Spirit Fest on 16-August**
- **Fr Kevin intimated about the beauty and craftsmanship in the works and dedication of the new church.**
- **Fr Kevin invited us to contemplate and pray for our onward look onto future building and spiritual development.**
- **Request for each council and school board member to select at least (10) of the 2010-2012 Capital Campaign folders and/or Thank You stones and distribute to the respective intendeds. Emphasized that this is a NO-pressure exchange.**
- **Bob Seidel shared about comments that he has been receiving and hearing inferring that DMCS is not teaching religion but instead offering free education at Faith Formation.**
- **Lois added that she too has had comment and worry from current DMCS parents about lack of understanding about the new Faith Formation format. Bob rebutted the conflict and confirms DMCS has a religion curriculum. Jill Johnson is authoring a letter to be sent to parents explaining the format and function of Faith Formation again.**
- **Separately, Bob advised the goal for (245) students this year and that a budget has been firmed.**
- **Bob concluded with expressing his gratitude for the positive communication within the school and its faculty. He cited that a dynamic Catholic education is the foundation for a solid Catholic parish and mission.**

**Building Relationships: A snack sign-up for future meetings was passed around**

**Parishioner Comment:**

- **Denny expressed appreciation for the new media availability in our new church and challenged for consideration to be purposeful in utilizing the 21<sup>st</sup> century media.**



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- **Betty asked, on behalf of some women who had been volunteering to assist in cleaning at the church, if such service was still needed. Lisa confirmed 'yes' and that Erik has a list of names to be called back for such service.**
- **Karen expressed joy and thankfulness to the parishioners' reception and usage of the gathering space in the new narthex. She hopes that it can continue.**

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- **No questions or comment regarding any of the items.**
- **Betty advised that CCW is doing some restructuring and will conduct some input meetings. Feedback already received to CCW is that members would like to form small groups around common interests of individuals. Separately, tix are still available for the quilt raffle at Spirit Fest.**

**Finance Committee Report:**

- **Met June 17th and reviewed 'New Beginnings' fund**
- **Funds are at ~84% collection rate and deemed to be in okay status**
- **Lead gifts for Campaign II are progressing**
- **2009 Budget is \$113k short in collection. Planned use of \$82k from endowment to complete the budget will now leave \$31k short.**
- **Next meeting will be in August and the committee will plan an informational to the parish in September.**
- **Pete Johnson has become a member of the Finance Committee.**

**Transition to the New Church:**

- **'Getting to church': Chris and Bernadette are working to 'softly' champion parishioners in helping others. For reasons including insurance and liability, the church cannot sponsor a ride-share program. City of Faribault bus program has been less than receptive and helpful in offering means of assistance.**
- **'Kiosks': Ordering (3) kiosks to be placed in narthex for advertisement of announcements, schedules, etc.**
- **'Announcements': Parish staff members will share announcements before masses during this first month in our new church. Thereafter, school leaders and Pastoral Council members will be invited to sign up to also participate in sharing the schedule.**
- **'Names of Spaces': Design & Art Treasures committee has published namesakes for spaces inside our new church. Placards have been created and placed to formally recognize each.**
- **'Staffing': 2 members of Parish staff will be scheduled during business hours at the new church. Schedules are being shuffled to provide this presence as well as maintaining presence at the offices.**



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- **'Sharing Information':** \*Sacred Heart Church building has now been listed for sale. G&H Realty is receiving a fair amount of inquiry for the SL/SH/and Early Childhood buildings. \*Jeff has heard from several about the distance of Hdcp parking in the new lot. Response from administration is that we are considering more Hdcp spaces. Suggestion for an improvement to S.Mercy Drive is \$1 million. In near future, turn lanes are anticipated in 2010 or 2011 when city/county address Cty 45 improvements.
- **'Celebration Highlights from the First Weekend':** Father Kevin asked for reflection of notable memories - Denny noted the parish recognition of Fr Kevin in this process. Betty spoke about the sacredness of the altar blessing. Karen witnessed all of the hours realized finally. Doug highlighted the comments of several priests and the Archbishop about "having a lot of fun". Brad felt deeply honored to have taken part and cited being overwhelmed. Jeff finished by reflecting on the sanctity of the moment when the consecrated host reached the tabernacle. Gene & Lois agreed and described it as a beautiful ceremony and recognition of all coming together.

**Stewardship:**

- **'Surveys':** Should be done and ready for analysis. Observation/suggestion made for PPC & staff to review before general release of information.
- **2010 Fall Stewardship Drive** is scheduled for November 7/8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> (ministry fair) and 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> (commitment weekend). **'Ministry Fair':** Set for 14-15th November. 7-8th will be the Stewardship Fair. Volunteers to be sought in October to speak on behalf of time/talent/and treasure.
- **'New Parishioner Welcome':** Dates are being set.
- **'Spirit Fest':** All PPC members highly encouraged to attend and assist.

**09-10 Spiritual Calling:**

- **'Spiritual theme for upcoming year':** Question proposed, "what might we be about this year as a PPC"? Fr Kevin offered some Gospel passages lending as examples of the following - gratitude, being led by the Spirit, trust in providence of God, and Eucharist in Christ. We were invited to discuss in small group and reflect. We will continue to discern at our next PPC meeting.