

**Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Joint DMCC/DMCS Meeting – October 14, 2008
Minutes
Approved November 11, 2008**

1. Call to Order: Christine Shaffer called the meeting to order.

2. Opening Prayer: Patti Gartner led the opening prayer.

3. Pastor's Report (DMCC/DMCS)

- Stewardship-1.5 Minute Sharing-Members were again asked to sign up for a Mass time to speak regarding how we have expressed our gratitude by giving our time or talent to God. There are still openings. Sign up sheet passed around.
- New Beginnings- Trees were planted at the new church site this weekend. Building project moving forward as scheduled. Fr. Kevin is working with Archbishop Nienstedt to schedule the dedication in June. There will be tours of the new church on December 7 from 9a - 2p.
- Fr. Kevin spoke about 2 things we need to prepare for: 1) Parish wide survey this winter-reaching out to people regarding their needs and the life of our parish. Fr. Kevin and Bob Seidel will be asking each of our groups what they would like to know. Bill Lewis, a parishioner who has experience with surveys and marketing, will be assisting with the development of the survey. 2) Process of continuing our building project - next month we will be discussing the future building phases and how to pay off the debt. At the next meeting we will start with individual meetings at 7:00 pm and have the joint meeting at 7:30 pm. at Peichel Hall.
- Family Faith Formation-Recent statistics revealed that 32% of our students are not participating in any Faith Formation capacity. Another one- third of the children attend DMCS and one-third attend Family Faith Formation.

1. Principal's Report (DMCS)

- Bob recognized Mindy Reeder for her work with a successful marathon. DMCS set a goal of \$35,000 and as of today they have raised \$34,500. This is a testament to the work of Mindy and the support of the community.

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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – October 14, 2008
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1. Call to Order: Christine Shaffer called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Fr. Kevin, Fr. Fernando, Lisa Sammon Roach, Carolyn Heskett, Dennis Germann, Christine Shaffer, Karen Sommers, Patti Gartner, John Tobin, Lois Donahue Cleary, Doug Knutson, Shane Pemrick, Jorge Martinez
Absent: Kerry McCarthy, Bill Skluzacek, Jeff Pridie, Betty Berge

3. Parishioner Comment:

- Question was asked how the new Day Care was going. Lisa said it was operated by BA. There are openings for toddlers and but there are no infant openings at this time. It is not filling up like it was hoped. It is licensed for 10 children and they have one licensed provider.
- John mentioned that he had recently attended a funeral at St. Patrick's and said the communication and openness was good. He said in the past there could have been relationship issues.
- Fr. Kevin's homily on Sunday was very good.
- Question was asked how much money the 1st stage of building process cost. We will borrow up to \$4.5 million. The next capital campaign will be to retire that debt. There is also a need to start on the next phase. We will discuss that at the November meeting.

4. Consent Agenda Items:

- New software for accounting system not going well. It was chosen by the Archdiocese to have continuity with all parishes. The software company does not have the capacity to deal with all the issues at this time. Our accounting system is working; however, it is not generating reports that give us meaningful information.

5. Finance Committee Report:

- Report through June 2008 sent with packet this month. No report for July, August and September due to software problem. Discussion was held on the selling of church properties. It is the consensus of the PPC that we sell the property rather than rather than give it away [the question of donating the property for a social service center has been raised in the past]. Concerns discussed include: it would be hard to sell one and then give another away; some people suggest we tear down the building and sell the land but that is very costly; not going to sell to an anti-Catholic group; if we rent it out we still have to maintain which could cost tens of thousands a year for heat, maintenance and insurance. Finance committee recommends we list the St. Lawrence Church and Rectory for sale immediately. The realtor who appraised it is local but there has been no decision regarding who to list it with at this time. Someone asked about a reduced commission but it is felt that if we can sell the 2 churches for a good price the realtor's fee would be well worth it. It is the consensus of the PPC that we list these two properties for sale at this time.

6. Agenda Items:

- a. Site Reuse (SH/SL)** – The meeting with Sertoma Club regarding community service center has not been held yet. Fr. Kevin, Lisa and Deacon Dan will be attending.
- b. Parish Leadership Conference:** The 2008 Archdiocesan Parish Leadership Conference is “Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership”. It will be held on 10/25/08 at the Church of St. Edward in Bloomington. Christine is planning to go. Let her know if you are interested.

c. Stewardship -

- Renewal Sunday-November 16. (Changed to November 23 after PPC meeting.)
- Survey Questions from PPC-What services have you used in our church? What ministries do you belong to? What suggestions do you have to improve? What do you think of the music? Should we ask where people are with the new church? If you don't regularly go to church why not? The plan is to send the survey out in February 2009. There will be personal contact with all parishioners when surveys are returned.
- Small group discussions were held on the Hospitality section of the Four Pillars document. Next month we will continue the discussion in the large group.
- New Parishioner Welcome-Karen presented names of new people and script for calling to welcome. Each one is asked to take a name(s).
- Testimonials at Mass-sheet passed around for members to sign up if you haven't already volunteered.

d. Review and Development Committee-

- October 13-1st Joint Review and Development Committee meeting. Good turnout.
- Name will be changed to Parish Life Committees.
- The format went well. People liked the opening get-together. It was good for everyone to hear the same information especially about the direction of the parish stewardship. Committees met in small groups to develop survey questions from their ministry perspective. In one case it was felt there was a breakdown from the large group to the small group. This group was not talking in DMCC stewardship manner. Fr. Kevin suggested bringing this feedback to that ministry chair.

e. NET Team Presentation-Using a clever skit the NET Team introduced themselves to the PPC and shared how they are here to help our youth serve and grow in their spiritual life.
WELCOME NET TEAM!

Closing Prayer – The Mission Prayer was read.

Next meeting is November 11th

- **7:00 pm Peichel Hall**
- **7:30 pm Joint DMCC/DMCS Peichel hall**

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Gartner, Secretary