

**Divine Mercy Catholic Church**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – December 9, 2008**  
**Minutes**  
**Approved January 13, 2009**

**1. Call to Order:** Christine Shaffer called the meeting to order and led us in prayer.

**2. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Fr. Kevin, Fr. Michael, Fr. Fernando, Lisa Sammon Roach, Carolyn Heskett, Dennis Germann, Mary Campbell, Christine Shaffer, Patti Gartner, Doug Knutson, Bill Skluzacek, Jeff Pridie, Shane Pemrick, Betty Berge, Jorge Martinez

**Absent:** Karen Sommers, John Tobin, Kerry McCarthy, Lois Donahue Cleary

**3. Ministry Highlighted:**

Building and Grounds were highlighted in the bulletin this week and at the PPC Meeting. Erik Ellingson introduced himself and Oscar, new custodian since Nov 14. Erik presented that they take care of the day to day needs as well as capital improvements of all 3 churches and rectories, and 2 schools. Some highlights that have been completed are: sidewalk between IC church and school, cornices on IC church, 2 rubber roofs over south campus of the school, A/C units for FFF and snow removal. Oscar does all the custodian work. Erik explained that stewardship is necessary in this area. He said they get people that ask if they can help. They have students from MSAD for about 1.5 hr per week. Erik said he encourages notes from parishioners. Future projects are to update furnaces at IC church and continue up-grading sidewalks. Thank you, Erik and Oscar for all you do to keep our buildings and grounds!

**4. Parishioner Comment:**

- Great Annual Report. People are astounded by the fact there are 1179 who give nothing-how many are active Catholics? Useful information-how much money comes in and goes out.
- Someone on the tour commented that in the past we built 3 churches and 3 schools and that he bet his parents borrowed money to build them. People in the past had far less but did incredible things.

**5. Consent Agenda Item:**

**CCW Report-** Bake sale this weekend 12/13 & 14. Betty encouraged members to bake and buy.

**6. Finance Committee Report:**

- Denny reported that we are now getting good reports from LOGOS. Archdiocese sent someone to help with the reports.
- New Beginnings-may have contingency fund to put 3 of the windows in the church or the bells. The bells will be less expensive to do before the church is finalized.

- St. Lawrence-have approval to move forward. We will identify what we need or want before we put it up for sale. Finance Committee is gathering more information to make decision in January.
- Church accounts are in good shape-deficit in line or better than last year. Not asking staff to do reductions yet this year.
- Had to re-enter all pledges for church and New Beginnings.

#### 7. **Pastor's Report:**

- Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 12 was beautiful. 5 am Mananitas, 6 pm Mass with Archbishop Harry Flynn, mariachi band and Aztec dancers.
- Fr. Kevin thanked everyone for their prayers while the group was in the Holy Land. He said we are all called live a life of holiness. Every Catholic should go to the Holy Land. Catholics are a small minority in the Holy Land.
- Change in Trustees-Fr. Kevin is very grateful for Carolyn Heskett's 5 years of leadership as a trustee. She received an Above and Beyond plaque. Carolyn has a gift for reminding the group to keep the focus on what is important. She shared her wisdom and insight and often made the comment when something needed to get done that "we have to do it" even when difficult. Thanks, Carolyn! Fr. Kevin welcomed Mary Campbell as our new trustee. Mary has 2 sons at DMCS and serves on the Finance Committee there. Welcome, Mary!

#### 8. **Agenda Items:**

- a) New Beginnings - Tour Feedback:** Approximately 600 people attended. Non-parishioners came also. Comments were very positive. People were impressed with the accessibility-can go to altar and lectern. People asked what they can contribute i.e. windows, etc. People are making decisions to contribute with their wills. There will be another tour at the end of Feb/beginning of Mar.
- b) New Mass Schedule**-has been drafted and distributed-will decide after the first of the year. There will be a need to shift in liturgical ministers.
- c) Joint Leadership Meeting- January 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - Include DMCC, DMCS, BA
  - Some members of church and schools leadership will meet to discuss agenda. Ideas from PPC include: BA Capital Campaign, updates on enrollment, both schools talk about reaching out to Hispanics-how that is going, principal search at BA. Send Lisa an email if you have any further ideas.
- d) Stewardship – Annual Renewal Update:** Send in your commitment card if not already. Patt Germann is entering information in data base. Staff will be calling parishioners who have volunteered in their ministry area.
- e) Stewardship – Parish Survey:** The survey is moving along. The goal is to gain information to better serve the parish.
- f) Stewardship – New Parishioner Welcoming:** 3 new names were given to council member Jorge to call.

- g) Stewardship –**
- Christine and Shane will review discussion on Pillar of Hospitality and give recommendations to Stewardship Committee.
  - Pillar of Prayer- read/reflect for next month

**Next meeting is January 13, 2009**

- **6:45 pm Adoration Chapel**
- **7:00 pm Tomlinson Center**

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Gartner, Secretary