

Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Joint DMCC/DMCS Meeting – February 10, 2009
Minutes
Approved March 10, 2009

1. **Gathering Prayer:** Fr. Kevin led us in a gathering prayer.
2. **Building Project Update:** Lisa Roach presented an update on the building project. See handout.
3. **Hal Johnson and Associates:** Lisa introduced Hal and Katie Johnson. Hal congratulated us on having come so far. He said we have accomplished a lot. He said the depth of information and level of faith is most extraordinary. Lisa presented the process for determining the second campaign fundraising.
4. **Survey:** Discussed the survey in small groups. Each group was to highlight the main theme of each question. Each group then shared their ideas with the large group.
5. **Phase 1:** Lisa presented how decisions were made on the initial phase of the plan.
6. **Objectives of Second Capital Campaign:**
 - Balancing fiscal responsibility with forward-thinking.
 - Reduce the remaining mortgage principal.
 - Fund interest expense as pledges are secured over a 36-month term.
 - Enlist Ad-Hoc Criteria and Options Team to conduct research.
 - Provide direction to planning the next phase of the master plan.
 - Research options for including new space (with MCL Architects and Langer Construction).

7. Next Steps:

February - Establish communications tools and schedule.

March/April -

- Confirm money needed to reduce mortgage principal
- Confirm money needed to service interest costs during 36-month
- Ad-Hoc Team, MCL and Langer conduct research on space options

May -

- Gather church and school leadership to review space options (April 14 & May 12)
- Set debt reduction objective
- Set preferred direction for next phase of building
- Set second capital campaign financial goal
- Set strategies and timing for inviting financial support from parishioners

The Archdiocese requires us to significantly reduce our debt. We need 50% in the bank before we can start construction of the next phase.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – February 10, 2009
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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, Dennis Germann, Mary Campbell, Christine Shaffer, Karen Sommers, Patti Gartner, John Tobin, Kerry McCarthy, Lois Donahue Cleary, Doug Knutson, Bill Skluzacek, Jeff Pridie, Shane Pemrick, Betty Berge, Jorge Martinez

Absent: None

3. Ministry Highlighted:

Music and Liturgy– Kevin Seal and Mary Christensen joined us for a presentation on the Music and Liturgy Department. Their mission is to provide opportunity for all to worship the Lord through full and active participation in the liturgy. How do they do this?

- Plan all liturgical ministries of the parish both for Sunday and during the week.
- Provide opportunities for everyone to volunteer their time and talent for the praise of God.
- Lead the song of the choirs but most importantly the congregation.
- Schedule priests for the masses.

Needs: always need more volunteer parishioners. Stewardship is central to what they do i.e. encourage and facilitate service from parishioners in the context of the mass. They join with pastoral ministers to offer a retreat day of appreciation and to reflect on what they do for God.

How do we see things grow?

Kevin- increase participation, growth of new – hand bell choir, children's youth choir; re-evaluate all ministries of Parish Life Committees; develop coherent vision of how we would like it to be.

Mary- ministries take over for themselves, take ownership of ministry

4. Parishioner Comment:

- Many good comments were received on the 3 special masses.

5. Consent Agenda Item:

NET Teams-We are in process of fundraising for existing team and next year's team. We need \$20,000 for this team. The total cost is \$40,000 for the team itself and \$10,000 for extra costs i.e. gas/insurance.

6. Finance Committee Report:

- Projection of FY 09- \$25 – 30,000 short at end of year. Parish needs to tighten its belt-not ask parishioners to give more.
- Worked with staff at end of January. The result is to cut \$32,000 from a budget that didn't have any excess.

- Collections are down.
- Framework of FY 10 budget-Early Childhood building and new site will be added. We will have a decrease in staff with retirement of Deacon Dan in October and the possibility of having 2 priests. Our budget doesn't allow replacing Dan. This will be discussed at Parish Life Committee. We will look at staffing. How do we manage with fewer people? How do we engage the whole parish?

7. Pastor's Report: Fr. Kevin expressed his gratitude to all the people who helped with the 3 special masses of healing and celebration. There will be more special liturgies in the future. Living the Golden Years went well. 90 people attended. Survey- Patti, Karen and Fr. Kevin will meet with Bill to review and finalize. Feedback from PPC-too theological, over people's heads, print too small and light, some had hard time focusing on it, lots of questions about Hispanic Ministry, average parishioner won't complete it, and people who aren't involved won't complete it.

8. Agenda Items:

a) Parish Life Committees Meeting – March 3 at 6:30 pm at DMCS. We will start in the gym with the large group.

b) PPC Retreat Update – February 28. 8:30 Mass at SH. Retreat at MSB. Fr. Michael Becker from St. Michael in St. Michael will present the theme “Reflection of Moving into a New Church”. We will end with lunch at 12N.

9. Stewardship: Pillars of Prayer-Will be discussed at March meeting.

Save the date! Archdiocesan Stewardship Forum on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009
St. John the Baptist, New Brighton

Next meeting is March 10, 2009

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Gartner, Secretary