

**Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Joint DMCC/DMCS Meeting – March 10, 2009
Minutes
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- 1. Gathering Prayer:** Kathryn Donahue presented the Gospel reflection.
- 2. Building Project Update:**
 - a) Lisa presented the proposed Mass schedule. Beginning Aug 3, 2009 all masses will be at the new site. During the school year Mass will be at IC on Wednesday for DMCC and Friday for BA.
 - b) Karen Sommers presented findings from Ad Hoc Committee. The committee has been meeting to develop space options beyond the debt retirement for the second capital campaign. Right now they are looking at the social hall and administration offices as the most practical next step. The social hall could be the school gym. The administration area could be left as a shell and provide the opportunity for people to volunteer to sheetrock. The committee will present a better overview with pricing at the April meeting.
- 3. Pastor's Report:**
 - Fr. Kevin had tickets for St. Patrick's celebration and invited members to attend.
 - Scholarship Night at DMCS was great. Connie DeGrood received the Friend of Education Award.
 - Mission Trip to Oak Island, Texas during Spring Break.
 - Aug 2 - Dedication
 - Aug 16 - Spirit Fest at Fairgrounds.
 - New principal at BA is Sherri Langfeldt.

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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. Parishioner Comment:**
 - A parishioner asked if there is still a plan for apartments for the elderly at the new site. Lisa responded that there is still a plan.

4. Consent Agenda Item:

5. Finance Committee Report:

Endowment Account was set up to be used during difficult times. These are difficult times with the economy and building the new church. Finance Committee looks at what we budget and where we are for actual expenses. The committee recommends using \$82,000 from Endowment Fund at this time.

6. Agenda Items:

a) **Highlighting Faith Formation** – Justin Stroh and Jill Johnson attended the meeting and presented the responsibilities of each staff member as follows:

- Jill Johnson- Faith Formation grades 1 – 4, also provides support to Sunday School which has been delegated to the Keilen family. 1st Communion-has been bringing families together through workshops. Jill is also responsible for finances.
- Ellie Wilder-Confirmation Coordinator-focusing on families of confirmation students who maybe haven't been to church for awhile, assisting parents in what it means to be Catholic, what it means to minister to each other-VIRTUS training for sex abuse for all volunteers.
- Andrew Lynch-Faith Formation grades 5 – 8 and Adult Faith Formation- RCIA, Bible Studies, special presentations on Faith and the Ballot Box, Vatican II today.
- Justin Stroh-NET, Mission Trips, That Man is You
- 50 – 60 men participate in That Man is You, 25 – 30% of the parish participate in Mass which is the source and summit of our faith,-3% participate after confirmation, parents have a minimalist view of faith-we have serious work in new evangelization.

b) **Stewardship-Pillars-** Discussed pillar of prayer in small groups. Each group developed 2 recommendations as follows:

Group 1- 1. Lead by example 2. Invite others to join in Mass and prayer

Group 2- 1. Provide prayer cards in church and website 2. Decorate new church with large, thought-provoking words i.e. faith, hope

Group 3- 1. Explain meaning of different aspects of the church and Mass
2. Greeters

Group 4- 1. Teach new/different ways to pray 2. Learn through others-prayer groups

Fr. Kevin asked PPC Members to make a conscious effort to greet and welcome people at Mass.

c) **Parish Life Committees Meeting** – Met on March 3 at DMCS. Each group was asked to develop a budget for next fiscal year and also to

discern what could be cut from budget if we need to cut by 10%. Staff greatly appreciate PPC participation in the Parish Life Committees.

- d) **PPC Retreat Update** – February 28. Fr. Michael Becker presented the theme “Reflection of Moving into a New Church”. He gave an inspiring talk about uplifting the heart and mind to God. The church shapes us and resembles us –the more caring we are the more we are the living body of Christ. Others will meet Christ through us. PPC members agreed that we should present the same information to parishioners.
- e) **Senior Housing Task Force:** The Finance Committee approved moving forward to do a full blown market study. This will not cost the parish anything. There is a concern that people think we are spending money on a survey before the school is built. The church will bring other building and activity to the site.
- f) **Stewardship:** Karen distributed the names of new parish members. The survey is in the final stages of revision! Members of the PPC were thanked for completing draft survey and providing feedback. Based on this feedback, the survey was re-formatted to move technical and sensitive questions to the back so people didn’t get frustrated and quit without completing.
- g) **PPC Nomination Weekend:** PPC Members were invited to sign up for a Mass time this weekend March 13 & 14 to speak about PPC nominations. Nomination forms will be in the pews. Each PPC member also needs to submit 5 names to Lisa by April 3.

Next meeting is April 14, 2009

- **6:30 pm PPC Meeting - Peichel Hall**
- **8:00 pm Joint Leadership Meeting - Peichel Hall**

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Gartner, Secretary