

Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2010
Approved April 13, 2010

Roll Call:

Present: Fr. Kevin, Fr. Fernando, Lisa Sammon, Dennis Germann, Mary Campbell, Karen Sommers, Patti Gartner, Lois Donahue Cleary, Doug Knutson, Bill Skluzacek, Brad Utpadel, Gene Von Ruden, Carol Freed

Absent: Jorge Martinez, Jeff Pridie, Shane Pemrick

Parishioner Comment:

- Concern that visiting priest this past weekend was too confrontational. Fr. Kevin will discuss the situation with the Food for the Poor agency.
- Healing Mass-parishioner felt better and said her cancer counts were way down after the Mass.
- Web site-concern was raised that some groups were not allowed to put items on web site. The site is frozen for now as we are in the process of re-forming it.
- Question of why we don't have a statue of Mary in front of the church was asked.
- Refurbished Stations of the Cross are very nice.
- Summary of suggestions from the suggestion box was published with respectful responses. Send comments to Lisa.

Finance Committee Report:

- C.C.1-New Beginnings at 92%.
- C.C. 2-Received 2.3 million in pledges. Have eight months of mortgage payments in the bank.
- Have 130,000 in organ fund. Finance committee strongly supports organ fund but may not be prudent to commit funds to organ at this time.
- CY budget-met with staff to inform them of expense freeze, worked with staff to identify what had to be done this year and took the rest away. Last Sunday we received \$8000 more than a typical 1st Sunday. Will continue to monitor & work with the ministries.
- Projected \$150,000 deficit for next year. Need to continue to look at ministry & mission.
- Next month look at treasure. Can we sell anything?
- All encouraged to continue to pray for finances.

Retreat:

- March 13 in Bishop Dudley Activity Room
- Personal gifts vs communal gifts
- Handouts to read before Saturday-"Called & Gifted", Matthew Kelly-"Rhythm of Life" & "What is Charism?"

Nomination Process:

- Sign-up sheet & script given for speaking at masses.

Stewardship:

- New Parishioner registration will be held one weekend per month beginning 4/24 & 25 at 4p, 8a, 10a & 5p.
- New Parishioner Welcome-Will be held quarterly.

Capital Campaign # 2:

- Thanks to all who helped with phone blitz.
- Members were encouraged to pick up cards tonight if they haven't received them or pick up more.
- Approximately 1000 people have been identified who didn't give to CC#1, haven't given through collection process and don't seem to be involved in ministries. Form sub-committee to develop approaches to reach out to this group.
- Reminder to be prepared to answer unexpected questions. Make sure you document questions or concerns on log sheet.
- Karen pointed out there are 114 days left for this PPC group to accomplish what we set out to do. We need to work together to meet our goal & not leave anything undone.

Relic Pilgrimage:

- Fr Kevin and Patti reflected on pilgrimage to Poland to receive the relic.
- Relic to be placed in altar on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11.
- Will be taking relic to people in nursing homes and homebound parishioners before placement in the altar.

Video/Web Site:

- Need to get information about DMCC out to more people.
- Share stories on the web site.
- Need volunteers to help get sponsors, develop video, set up web site, how to make it happen, bring clarity to what we want to do.
- Each ministry to develop/update their page. Approval needed before it is sent out.