

**Divine Mercy Catholic Church**  
**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – April 14, 2009**  
**Minutes**  
**Approved May 12, 2009**

**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, Lois Donahue Cleary, Doug Knutson, Bill Skluzacek, Jeff Pridie, Shane Pemrick, Betty Berge, Jorge Martinez

**Absent:** Kerry McCarthy

**3. Parishioner Comment:**

- A parishioner suggested that bulletin inserts be printed on both sides even if topics aren't related to save paper. It is in the nature of Catholicism to be green.
- Someone asked when the priests were moving to the new site. It will be some time this summer. We will have it May 1<sup>st</sup>. Plan is to clean in May/June and move in July.

**4. Consent Agenda Item:**

DMCS enrollment going back and forth from 265 – 275 students. Society of St. Vincent De Paul did presentation to Social Justice Committee. They are inviting our parish to form a society here. Confirmation for the 3 parishes in the cluster will be this Saturday, April 18 at St. Dominic's in Northfield.

**5. Finance Committee Report:** No report.

**6. Agenda Items:**

- a) Cluster Parish Committee Discussion:** Getting to know the different parishes. Shared fears/questions each parish has. Looking at staff and ministry models of each parish. Looking at how we can use resources jointly. Discussed what is unique about each parish-live Nativity at St. Michael's, St. Patrick's Day celebration at St. Patrick's. There will be a Joint Parish Council Cluster Meeting on June 16 at St. Michael's in Kenyon.
- b) Stewardship-Pillars:** Surveys will be distributed to parishioners at all masses the weekend of April 25/26. PPC members were asked to volunteer at one of the mass times to help with the distribution.
- c) PPC Nomination Process:** Discernment Night will be April 28. All members are required to attend. There are 91 nominations. Each member was asked to take 10 names of nominees to invite to Discernment Night.

- d) **Hispanic Ministry:** Fr. Fernando and Jorge provided an update on the Hispanic Ministry. The liturgy (Eucharist) and Saturday Prayer Group has grown by 300%. The Hispanic Ministry is working on getting their Eucharistic identity established through the liturgy and prayer group. Then the vision is to reach out to others. They are looking at balancing the needs of this ministry and the budget. Many more people are involved in the liturgy as acolytes, sacristans, lectors and musicians. Families and young people want to focus on the Mass. People want to establish other ministries-home visits/choir. A group of 14 young people approached Fr. Kevin to express their desire to be more active. Fr. Kevin gives his support by attending retreats/ greeting people. Hispanic Ministry is comprised of immigrants who come and go which poses some problems with getting people involved and having continuity. Next month the whole Consejo will come to the PPC Meeting. Fr. Kevin invited PPC members to attend a Spanish Mass before the next meeting.
- e) **Family Faith Formation:** Justin Stroh and Jill Johnson presented a proposal for the future of Family Faith Formation, including a transition year in 2009-2010. The proposal includes changing how we do Wednesday night classes. They would instead offer Family Life Seminars that will focus on being a Catholic Family. These seminars would be offered on 3 Mondays/Wednesdays and 2 Saturdays throughout the year. There would also be Sacramental Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation. RCIA and Bible Studies would continue. There will be no NET Team next year. PPC agreed that FFF could move forward with this proposal.

**Next meeting is May 12, 2009**

- **6:30 pm Peichel Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Patti Gartner, Secretary