

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
September 15, 2009 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Approved October 13, 2009

- 1) **Call Joint Meeting to Order** *Karen/Mike*
- 2) **Opening Prayer** (*Gospel/reflection*) *Jane Hake*
- 3) **Pastor's Report (DMCC/DMCS)** *Fr. Kevin*
 - Transitioning: Father Kevin reports that the waffle breakfast was a great way to test the use of the Divine Mercy space.*
 - Schedule for Pre-Mass Announcements: Father mentioned announcements by parish leadership was important for face and name recognition for parish members. It is important that we as parish membership while attending mass and events listen and be attentive to parish member needs. Staff is encouraged to sign up for Sunday announcement times.*
 - Staff Reorganization: a work in progress to bring about more efficient use of staff and time.*
 - Capital Campaign: weekend announcement, key is participation, envelopes/cards distributed, twenty-three volunteers needed for each mass.*
 - Parish Mission: Speakers coming Raymond Arroyo, Matthew Kelly and Bishop Burke.)*
- 4) **Building Relationships...** *Bruce Malecha/Kathryn Donahue*
 - Excellent treats were had by all*
- 5) **Roll Call**

Attending: Fr. Kevin Finnegan, Fr. Fernando Ortega, Lisa Sammon, Karen Sommers, Jeff Pridie, Lois Donahue Cleary, Patti Gartner, Carol Freed, Gene Von Ruden, Bill Skluzacek, Brad Utpadel, Betty Berge

Absent: Shane Pemrick, Jorge Martinez
- 6) **Parishioner Comment** *Karen*
 - Some issues with Ushers concerning communications.*
 - Cost of Faith Formation: \$65 individual, \$130 capped family discussed.*
 - Sacred Spaces behaviors by kids around the altar, gum, etc.*
 - Holy Water fonts at furthest side doors.*
- 7) **Consent Agenda Items** *Karen*

a)	PPC Minutes	<i>August 2009 minutes</i>
b)	Agenda Approval	
c)	Ministry Reports	<i>August 2009 Report</i>
d)	CCW Report	
e)	DMCS Report	
f)	BA Report	
- 8) **Finance Committee Report** (*YE 2009 financials*) *Denny* *5 minutes*
 - The plan was not to dip into the endowment funds any more than what was budgeted (\$82,000).*
 - Spirit Fest was down this year.*
 - Church property no movement as yet.*
 - Finance Committee speaking to Masses in November.*
 - Proposals being considered to widen parking lot entrance/expand lot, possible diagonal parking suggested? Must review cost of additional work and possible need to put the second layer of black top on existing parking lot.*



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- a) **Transition to the new church** *Fr. Kevin/Lisa* 10 minutes
Reduction of the asking price on St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart School discussed.
- b) **Stewardship** *Patti/Karen* 10 minutes
Parish Survey results will be given to stewardship committee to review and report back information to the Parish Council. Ministry Fair is going very well, strong interest in participation. Fall Stewardship Seminar Sat. Oct. 10, sign up. Fall Stewardship Renewal speaking at masses.
- c) **Committee Sign ups** *Lisa* 5 minutes
Committee Sign up final sign up list will be emailed out.
- d) **09-10 Spiritual Calling** *Karen* 20 minutes
Spiritual Calling: Luke 12:22-32 plus 33-34. Short version: "Do not worry ... your Father knows what you need ... seek his kingdom ...for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom [...where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.]" Great discussion about the verse and its meaning to everyone. Our task it to meditate on this passage and reflect on its meaning in our life. This is a great message to tie into Stewardship.
- 9) **Reflections**
- 10) **Agenda for Next Meeting, October 13, 2009**
 Parish Survey results and Stewardship Renewal and Fair
- 11) **Closing Prayer – Mission Prayer**