

Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting – January 15, 2008
Minutes
Approved February 4, 2008

1. **Call to Order** – Pam Kennedy called the meeting to order.
2. **Opening prayer** – This was led by Father Kevin at the DMCC/ DMCS Leadership Meeting.
3. **Roll Call**
Present: Fr. Kevin, Fr. Thomas, Father Michael, Lisa Sammon Roach, Carolyn Heskett, Bill Keilen, Pam Kennedy, Julie Olson, Wayne O'Connor, Christine Shaffer, John Tobin, Doug Knutson, Larry Dozark, Patti Gartner, Karen Sommers and Lois Cleary, Kerry McCarthy, Marian Anderson
Also in Attendance: Evan
4. **Parishioner Comment (What have we seen and heard in the parish?)** –
 - Buy tickets for the DMCS Scholarship Night
 - How is communion distributed to people in the back of church that are not able to walk up the aisle? In SH there is one distributor designated for this. In IC it is typically the distributor who goes into the balcony.
 - The Holiday services were great.
5. **Consent Agenda Items**
 - **Pastoral Care** –Patti wanted to let everyone know that the Healing Service will be Tues, March 11.
 - **CCW** – The Cana Dinner is Feb. 16. It will cost \$60/couple and will be held at the KCs. Gift tickets can be purchased for parishioners who cannot afford to go otherwise.
6. **Finance Committee Report – John**
 - Collections were up in December. The Finance Comm. will keep an eye on this as the budget is very tight this year.
 - NET Team is a fundraising issue. Only \$14K has been raised so far and \$22K was estimated to be raised by this time. The last issue of the parish newsletter highlighted the NET Team and included an envelope for donations.
7. **Pastor's Report – Father Kevin**
 - This is Marian Anderson's last meeting. Patti will be the PPC's liaison for CCW in the interim. Marian was honored with a 160th Anniversary throw.
 - Bill Keilen is stepping down as a Parish Trustee. He has been a Trustee for 10 years. He will remain on until another Trustee is appointed.
 - Father Kevin will not be at the Feb PPC meeting. He will be at a fundraiser dinner for St. Paul's Outreach.
8. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **New Beginnings**
 - Volunteer Coordinator – As mentioned at the DMCC/DMCS Leadership meeting, a volunteer coordinator will be hired. Lisa passed around a sheet to list possible candidates.
 - B. **Parish Council Retreat**

Pam handed out a flyer on the retreat.

The retreat is scheduled for the morning of February 9. We begin with Mass at Sacred Heart at 8:30 and meet in the MSB to focus on Prayer and Lent. Our speaker is Father Jim Livingston.
 - C. **Clustering Parish Meeting – Jan 26, 10:00 – 12:00 noon**

Father Kevin is the pastor of 3 parishes- Divine Mercy, St Michael and St Patrick. Clustering was begun to see how to better share resources between the parishes. There will be a presentation on what is happening. Father Mike Byron will be the speaker.

D. Mass Attendance

Father Kevin asked if the low Mass attendance is a call to action.

Lois had a suggestion for a Sunday Mass that would not include music – like a weekday Mass. People could then just concentrate on the Eucharist. It wouldn't take as long. Father Kevin said that Sunday Mass is to be a celebration according to Catholic Church rules.

Chris said that we may need to market.

Wayne thought this should be dealt with on a one-to-one basis.

The PPC agreed that attendance needs to be addressed.

John suggested that once each month a parish staff member is introduced in the bulletin and at Mass. They would have the opportunity to let the parish know what their duties are.

Father Kevin said that Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on Evangelization. This is the singular reason for the existence of our church. The first people who need evangelization are the people in the church. Our Catholic education often stops at Catechism and Confirmation.

Father Kevin passed out a sheet on "The Crisis Today". He would like us to read this and come with ideas to the next meeting.

The Wichita KS diocese has a very successful stewardship effort going. There will be a conference there this summer. Father Kevin will attend.

A speaker on evangelization will be in Albertville later this winter.

Father Kevin is forming an Evangelization Committee. He would like to committee to reflect and pray about this for a couple of months and then report back in May on where they are.

E. 07 – 08 Goals: Stewardship

This was encompassed in the Mass Attendance discussion

Closing Prayer - The Mission Prayer was read.

Next meeting is February 5

6:45 – Adoration Chapel

7:00 - Tomlinson Center

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Olson, Secretary