

Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting – February 5, 2008
Minutes
Approved March 4, 2008

1. **Call to Order** – Pam Kennedy called the meeting to order.

2. **Opening prayer** – Father Michael led the opening prayer.

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Father Michael, Lisa Sammon Roach, Carolyn Heskett, Bill Keilen, Denny Germann, Pam Kennedy, Julie Olson, Christine Shaffer, John Tobin, Doug Knutson, Larry Dozark, Patti Gartner, Karen Sommers and Lois Cleary

Absent: Fr. Kevin, Fr. Thomas, Wayne O'Connor, and Kerry McCarthy

4. **Parishioner Comment (What have we seen and heard in the parish?) –**

Karen said that she has received comments from funeral volunteers that facilities are not left well. What is the best way to address this? It would be best for the volunteers to contact Eric when this occurs. If it continues then contact either Lisa or Father Kevin. Lisa will let Eric know this time.

5. **Consent Agenda Items**

Pastoral Care –Patti reminded everyone know that the Healing Service will be Tues, March 11. The Presider will be Father Jim Livingston. He will also be the speaker for our PPC retreat.

6. **Finance Committee Report – John**

The Profit/Loss Budget to Actual Sheet was examined. Budget is 50% so most numbers should be at 50%.

The Finance Committee is tracking expenses of the new church so that the asset amount can be figured out.

7. **PPC Chair Report - Pam**

Several members voiced frustrations after the last meeting. Pam reminded everyone that the reflections time at the end of the meeting is the place to air frustrations. However, the Agenda has been changed to address some of the frustrations:

- *Action Sought* is added each agenda item. The *Action Sought* will be “Sharing Information”, “Gathering Input”, and “Concerns Heard”. Hopefully members will be better able to see what outcome is desired for each agenda item.

- Some people said they didn't have a voice as to what is on the agenda. Agenda for the Next Meeting is listed after the Agenda Items. More of a point to ask for other items will be made. If items are thought of after the meeting, the Exec Committee can be called. These members are: Pam, Christine, and Julie. The Exec Committee usually meets the Monday that falls one week before the next PPC meeting.

- Members seem to reach this point of frustration every year about this time. If there is something that needs to be addressed, bring it up at the meeting or for the Exec Committee to address.

8. **Agenda Items**

A. New Beginnings

Lisa bought this for discussion: The new Church will be opening late spring of 2009. Couples are reserving the Church for weddings for next summer already. The thought is that all 3 Churches will close simultaneously on Sept. 1, 2009. Any wedding scheduled after this date will be at the new Church. If a couple wishes to be married at St Lawrence, they will need another Church as backup – pending the recommendation of the St Lawrence reuse committee. The was discussed and affirmed.

- Liturgical Consultant – Most parishes building a new church hire a Liturgical Consultant. This person works with the Architects, DD Team and Art & Treasures Team as needed. Nick Markell

is our consultant. He is a liturgical consultant and an artist and will help w/ the design of the liturgical spaces (altar, ambo, baptismal font, tabernacle, etc.)

- Finalizing Plans – The Design Team hopes to have plans finalized the end of February. The organ committee (renamed the Sound committee) is going to mail RFPs to sound and video consultants. These consultants will give estimates for that portion of the building.
- Bidding Process- the last parish newsletter asked subcontractors to submit a letter of interest. None were received. So Lisa is calling contractors asking for a letter of interest. The bid requests will be mailed in March to contractors who send a letter. If any PPC members know of a contractor who may be interested, have them send a letter of interest to Lisa.
- Volunteer Coordinator- A list of 12 names has been formulated. These people will be called with the intention of having the Volunteer Coordinator in place by the end of the week.

B. Parish Council Retreat

Pam reminded everyone that the retreat is this weekend. Let Lisa know if you cannot attend.

C. Joint Leadership meeting with DMCS

Christine led an exercise to determine if the meeting was beneficial. All members thought it was and that we should keep meeting with DMCS. Mixed reviews over gaining understanding of DMCS as a mission of the parish.

D. Stewardship/Evangelization Task Force

Julie updated the PPC on the Task Force's last meeting. An Action Plan will hopefully be in place by September. The PPC gave suggestions as to groups to include on the Task Force: young single adults, youth and Hispanics.

E. PPC Nomination Weekend

Nomination Weekend is March 8/9. Lisa passed out a sign-up sheet for speaking each Mass..

F. DMCC/SP/SM Clustering Meeting Recap

Patti handed out an outline of Father Mike Byron's presentation at the Clustering Meeting. Patti reviewed this.

As this meeting was very poorly attended by the PPC, we broke into small groups and answered two questions:

How does DMCC get Clustering on our radar?

- Divine Mercy is concentrating on a type of clustering ourselves and on building the new church. We don't think outside of this
- Invite St Michael and St Patrick to a function we are having, and attend a function of theirs

How does DMCC become a parish that accepts and appreciate the gifts of St Patrick and St Michael?

- They are fighting for their identities
- It is great that they are able to come to DMCC for resources and materials
- Share the facts vs. myths of clustering
- Share the stories of each parish. What are their unique gifts
- Put the church schedules in each others bulletins and have each bulletin available at all Churches.

G. PPC Bylaws

Christine handed out copies of the PPC Bylaws with suggested changes. Basic changes were made. The first reading of the bylaws will be at the March meeting.

Closing Prayer - The Mission Prayer was read.

Next meeting is March 4

6:45 – Adoration Chapel

7:00 - Tomlinson Center

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Olson, Secretary