

**Divine Mercy Catholic Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting – March 4, 2008**  
**Minutes**  
**Approved April 1, 2008**

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

2. **Opening prayer** – Karen led the opening prayer.

3. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Father Kevin, Fr. Thomas, Lisa Sammon Roach, Carolyn Heskett, Denny Germann, Pam Kennedy, Julie Olson, Wayne O'Connor, Christine Shaffer, John Tobin, Kerry McCarthy, Doug Knutson, Patti Gartner, Karen Sommers and Lois Cleary

**Absent:** Fr. Michael, and Larry Dozark

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

Bill McDonald handed out flyers on the 160<sup>th</sup> DVD Premier event March 29, which will be held at the Paradise Center for the Arts. Bill gave us information on how the evening will be run and asked for our help in posting the flyers at our workplaces or businesses.

5. **Consent Agenda Items** – No comments

6. **Finance Committee Report – John**

The Finance Committee develops a 2 year budget. They are working on this now. We looked at the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Sheet was examined. Budget is 58% so most numbers should be at 58%. Income is currently at 62.1% and expenses are 61.6%. Under *Cost of Goods*, an adjustment was made as the Gift Store was recently inventoried. The NET Team expenses are outside of the budget. This is to be self-supporting. Divine Mercy will be getting new software in order to conform to Archdiocesan standards. All parishes will have the same finance software. This will allow better tracking of collections. This will be installed in April or June.

7. **Pastors Report**

Father Kevin gave a quick report on his Spanish classes but said it was good to be back. DMCS and BA are both searching for new principals.

The 160<sup>th</sup> DVD Premier is March 29. This is the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. Archbishop Nienstedt will be presiding at Mass on March 30 – Divine Mercy Sunday.

Mary Christenson is very ill and had major surgery. Continue to pray for her.

Liz Simmons has surgery on a brain tumor. It was out-patient surgery and the tumor was thought to be benign.

Father Kevin will be speaking at Sertoma on March 11. They are interested in the new church.

Father Kevin will sell tickets to the 160<sup>th</sup> DVD Premier then too.

8. **Agenda Items**

**A. New Beginnings**

- Mother Samuel Building – This will be used by Divine Mercy until DMCS, Faith Formation and Parish Offices are moved to the new church. However, BA's long-term plans need to be considered when improvements are made. Lisa toured the MSB with BA last week to start this conversation.
- Finalizing Plans – Plan should be finalized March 17. They took a little longer than planned.
- Bidding Process- Request for Bids will be sent the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March with Bids coming back mid-April. The Bid review committee has not been determined yet, but the ultimate decision is with the Parish Trustees. Lisa has started a list of contractors interested in bidding.

- Volunteer Coordinator- Lisa has talked to someone who is interested in volunteering for this position as part of a team. The rest of the team will be decided in a week or two.

**B. Parish Council Retreat Recap**

Christine went over the evaluation results. Father Livingston was rated highly as a speaker and the retreat was an aid in our personal spiritual growth. All evaluations were positive.

**C. Joint Leadership meeting with DMCS and BA**

We will be meeting April 7 at Peichel Hall. We have not met with all three boards for 2 years.

We discussed what topics should be addressed:

- What are BA's long term plans?
- Can the Church's budget issues effect the school subsidies – this was determined to be better addressed by a letter from Father Kevin and Lisa
- Stewardship
- Evangelization Committee
- School Attendance and Enrollment
- Unified vision for Family Faith Formation and shared visions of spirituality

There was a suggestion to have assigned seats so as to mix up the boards.

Pam asked for volunteers to bring treats. \*\*Call Audrey for treats\*\*

**D. Healing Service**

The Healing Service will be March 11 at 7:00 pm at SH. Patti explained the healing aspects of the service. Father Livingston will preside. Father Kevin said that healing allows us to love God and one another more.

**E. PPC Nomination Weekend**

Nomination Weekend is March 8/9. Lisa passed out a packet with information on the nomination process. Also included was the speaker schedule, script and a copy of the nomination form which will be in the pews. The nomination committee is Pam, Karen, Larry and Lisa.

**F. Special Needs Ministry Presentation**

Annie Melchert and Brian McDonnell gave a presentation on the Fiesta Time Ministry. This is the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the ministry. It is for children with special needs and their siblings. It gives parents time to attend Mass. The Fiesta Time is typically held in the DMCS Preschool building the second Saturday of each month from 3:30 – 7:30 pm. Volunteers are always needed! Some suggestions of places to contact for volunteers were given.

**G. PPC Bylaws – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Christine handed out copies of the PPC Bylaws with suggested changes. There were 3 items to come to a consensus on:

- Lay Members – The PPC will consist of 9 members who will be nominated. Appointed members will be a member of CCW, DMCS, and the Hispanic Community.
- The Vice-Chairperson will be affirmed as the Chairperson for the following year.
- A paragraph regarding membership of PPC on committees was deleted.

The second reading will be done at the April PPC meeting.

**Closing Prayer** - The Mission Prayer was read.

**Next meeting is April 1**

**6:45 – Adoration Chapel**

**7:00 - Tomlinson Center**

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Olson, Secretary