

Divine Mercy Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting – April 1, 2008
Minutes
Approved May 6, 2008

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

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

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Father Kevin, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Michael, 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, Lois Cleary and Larry Dozark

Absent: none!

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

- Heard from an older parishioner on a fixed income that the \$10 charge to the 160th Celebration at the Paradise Center was prohibitive.
- There was a suggestion that the NET Team come to PPC and present on what they are doing. NET will be presenting at all Masses the weekend of April 19 / 20.

5. **Consent Agenda Items –**

- Denny reported on “This Man is You”. This has been going for 2 years. It is a very supportive group. There is discussion on starting a group for young married couples. The program is called “Choice Wine”. There is also discussion on starting a women’s group.
- Patty reported on Befrienders. They will be having a retreat in September and also having speakers next week talking about spiritual direction.
- Lisa and Jamie Erickson went to CCW and talked about the kitchen portion of the new building.

6. **Finance Committee Report – John**

- When looking at the financials from July –through February, collections are almost right on. However, March collections were down again.
- NET Team funding is a concern. The fundraiser raised \$1500. There will be a push on the April 19/20 weekend to raise more funds.
- A lot was sold and this is reflected in Sale of Assets in the financials.

7. **Pastors Report**

- 8 people were baptized over Easter weekend – mainly Latinos
- The Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration with Archbishop Nienstedt went perfect. A big thank-you to CCW.
- The 160th Movie Night was a lot of fun. The DVD is fascinating. There is talk of showing this at the nursing homes.
- DMCS and BA are in the process of hiring new principals. Keep them in your prayers
- As mentioned, NET will be giving a presentation at weekend Masses April 19/20. A letter and invitation to support NET will be sent to all parishioners. Fundraising will be integrated into the parish budget and not be the responsibility of Faith Formation.
- When formulating the calendar for next year, Father suggested that PPC meet on the same night as DMCS School Board. The Boards could have snack time, prayer and the pastor’s report together and then break into individual meetings. This was discussed and agreed upon.
- We are getting a new financial software system. Parish census info will be switched in April. Switching has caused some problems in other parishes – just a heads up.

8. Agenda Items

A. New Beginnings

- Mother Samuel Building – Through talks with BA, the idea of a daycare facility came up. Options for this are beginning to be explored.
- Bidding Process- Requests for Bids were sent March 27 with Bids due April 15th. These are opened by Langer and Parish reps. On April 23, the finance and design teams will meet and then contracts to start construction are generated. The Finance Comm. will sign off on the numbers, Parish Trustees give the OK to move ahead, and then the Archdiocese needs to give its final blessing.
- Site Reuse – We discussed the Social Services Facility option for St Lawrence Church. The Site Reuse Committee will ultimately come up with their recommendation.
- St Dominic's Collection- Father Dempsey at St Dominic's in Nfld. took up a collection for our new building on Divine Mercy Sunday. Lisa has a thank-you card for us to sign.

B. Stewardship/Evangelization Task Force

Julie gave a recap of the last meeting. A Ministry Fair is being scheduled for January 2009. PPC members will be discussing this with their Review & Development Committees next fall. The Task Force also is looking at other ways to effectively evangelize. Next meeting is 4/8.

C. Joint Leadership meeting with DMCS and BA

The meeting is April 7 at 6:30. The agenda is in the packet. Everyone is encouraged to attend – seating will be assigned in order to mix up the groups. PPC is to bring desserts.

D. St. Patrick's Day Celebration

There was no St Patrick's Day Celebration this year due to an early Easter and declining attendance the last few years. After discussion, it was decided to celebrate with St Patrick's in Shieldsville and support our cluster parish.

E. PPC Nomination Process

Lisa passed out the list of 22 nominees. PPC members signed up to call nominees – need to get their responses to Lisa by April 10th. Lisa also went over the agenda for Discernment Night and assigned tasks. Members are asked to be at Peichel Hall by 5:45.

F. Healing Mass Recap

There will be a recap meeting on April 3. PPC members gave comments – it was very moving and spiritual. Another Healing Mass is being planned for the fall.

G. PPC Bylaws – 2nd Reading

Christine handed out copies of the PPC Bylaws and they were approved. They must now be sent to the Archdiocese for approval with hopes they will be back by May – possibly June.

Closing Prayer - The Mission Prayer was read.

Next meeting is May 6

6:45 – Adoration Chapel

7:00 - Tomlinson Center

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Olson, Secretary