

# COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

## April 20, 2017

Father Marty welcomed all the Commission members to the first leadership meeting of Divine Mercy parish. Father Marty opened the meeting at 6:30 and led opening prayer.

Father Marty opened the meeting with the opportunity to ask questions of him. He was asked if he had met the Bishop-elect, and he has not. As to how the move of the offices to Ss. Mary and Patrick hall went, the response was that it went well. The Finance Council met Monday, April 17 and approved the finances for the rehabilitation of the parish hall into offices. The parish corporate board will approve the finances for rehabilitation and send it into the diocese. When the approval from the diocese comes, construction can begin. Father Marty and Father Bill are moving their offices to Ss. Mary and Patrick hall. As to the vote for the parish name, Divine Mercy had more votes cast than St. Theresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi votes combined. As we meet in commissions, we must start breaking down the us vs. them mentality. We must be careful that we do not say, "At St. Paul's (or St. John's, or Ss. Mary and Patrick) we..." Rather, we need to think as one parish. We must honor the past, but look forward to the future. The Pastoral Council co-chairs, along with the two priests, developed a leadership flow chart to see how the parts of the parish connect and work together. At future meetings the Pastoral Council will meet first at 5:30/5:45, with the Commissions meeting at 6:30 PM.

### Two-Minute Verbal Reports

#### Formation Commission:

The Commission had discussion of Faith Festival, stewardship, and a possible parish survey to determine what parishioners of Divine Mercy parish would like to see happen in our parish.

#### Worship Commission:

The Commission reviewed the Lenten and Holy Week events. The consensus was that it was great using all three churches and ministers from all parishes during Holy Week. The Stations at the Grotto was well attended with 50-75 people. Palm Sunday's pilgrimage went well. The Seder Meal was successful, but there were empty tables even though people had made reservations. Discussion was held of suggestions for consideration for next year's Lenten and Holy Week activities.

It was decided that the parish would continue to use Breaking Bread missalettes, which are only changed one time per year.

#### Administration Commission:

Discussions centered around the necessary steps to legally become Divine Mercy parish. The Communication Committee shared the need to unite social media.

Outreach Commission:

Getting new people involved on commissions was the focus of Outreach. They talked about having a stewardship fair at St. Paul Church in May, St. John Church in June, and Ss. Mary and Patrick Church in July. Ruth Skeens contacted the Commission about having an Empowering Women day, with a motivational speaker, to be held in the fall.

Community Commission:

Four future events were discussed: June 11 – Father Marty’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, August 5 – Faith Festival picnic supper, October 1 –fall festival dinner, and the cookie sale.

Father Marty indicated that in May the group would talk about commissions and in June about a Gathering of Ministers.

The next meeting will be May 11.

Respectfully submitted,

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