

**ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, 7:00 PM**

2023-24 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS: President – Adam Fuehne, Vice President – Mech Toennies, Secretary - Denise Luitjohan

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Fuehne, Denise Luitjohan, Mech Toennies, Florence Jansen, Emily Schirmer, Beth Brandmeyer, Norm Horstmann, Kay Toennies.

ABSENT: Roger Toennies.

EX-OFFICIO: Father Matthew Elie, Deacon Kevin Templin, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Arlene Korte, Virgil Jansen. Guest: Anita Rakers

OPENING: Father Elie opened the meeting with a prayer.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: Norm has cut down one of the trees in the picnic area cut down and cleared, the rest of damaged trees will wait for drier weather, a notice will be sent out when this will be done as much help will be needed to clean up the branches. The smell in the gym bathrooms was resolved by emptying the septic tank.

FR. ELIE/DEACON CONCERNS:

Deacon Glenn passed around a picture of the new Lady of Guadalupe picture that will be hung up in the front of church where the tabernacle was previously.

Lent and Easter Season Mass observances were discussed. TEC was held here at St. Damian's last weekend and was successful. Bags were handed out in Faith Formation to collect Food for the needy, this will be delivered to DayStar in Cairo.

PARISH LIFE:

Mexican Fish Fry has a great turnout and made approximately \$8000.00.

Wurstmarkt is scheduled for Sunday March 24.

Parish Directory planning is in the works and Beth Brandmeyer and Emily Shirmer have volunteered to head up the Committee, a message will be in the bulletin asking for more volunteers. New Altar cloths are being ordered and will be paid for by the Ladies Sodality. Vacation Bible School is being planned and scheduled for June 10-14th in St. Damian's gym and Parish Grounds, a planning meeting is scheduled for March 5.

HISPANIC REPORT: Lady of Guadalupe picture is in the works to be hung in the front of church where the Tabernacle used to be. After the Hispanic Easter Mass there will be an Easter Egg hunt and all are invited.

ADJOURNMENT: Father Elie closed the meeting with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:00 PM

Minutes taken by Denise Luitjohan

As always, all parish council meetings are open to the public. Please inform the parish secretary if you would like to speak to a topic or voice a concern so it can be added to the agenda.