**ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, 7:00 PM**

**2022-23 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS**: President – Adam Fuehne, Vice President – Mech Toennies, Secretary - Denise Luitjohan

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**: Adam Fuehne, Denise Luitjohan, Kay Toennies, Mech Toennies, Norm Horstmann, Marvin Wuebbels, Florence Jansen.

**EX-OFFCIO**: Father Steven Beatty, Deacon Kevin Templin(absent), Virgil Jansen, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Arlene Korte(absent)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**: Salvador Tehandon, Shannon Sanders

**OPENING**: Father Steven opened the meeting with a prayer.

**PARISH LIFE:** Mexican Fish Fry was successful, Wurstmarkt will be held on 3/26.

**FR BEATTY:** The 6-week Master Class for the 99 Experience is over as of tonight 2/21. Had great attendance with 90+ people attending the 2 sessions each week. Brainstorming after to see how we can continue the momentum. The 2nd part of the 99 Experience will be held after Easter. Sundays at 5:00 at St. George and Monday’s at 6:00 at St. Bernard’s for 3 consecutive weeks.

**DEACON/FAITH FORMATION REPORT:** Lenten booklets are ready for the students. Reconciliation will be on March 20th for the Faith Formation students. Confirmation retreat was held last weekend (March 19th) Various dates for the upcoming Lenten Season were noted by Deacon Glenn. The Easter Triduum will be held at St. Damian’s with Masses at both Churches on Easter Sunday. St. Damian’s First Communion will be held on May 13th at 4:00 PM.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

The wire between the annex and the church was flagged by the fire department for being too low, Darryl Briggs is getting a quote to bury the line. The Church bell parts are in, still on the waiting list to be fixed. Al Varel updates that the spots on the ceiling in the Southwest corner of the ceiling that has the water damage needs to be addressed. Church cleaning went very well with many helpers.

**OLD BUSINSS:** Virgil Jansen has composed a letter to the Bishop stating his concerns over St. Damian’s being assessed $7000 for students that belong to our Parish and attend All Saints Academy.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Next meeting we will need to discuss nominations for new Parish Council members, Shannon Sanders, Marvin Wuebbels and Salvador Tehandon terms are up.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Father Steven closed the meeting with a prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00PM

**Minutes taken by Denise Luitjohan**

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