**ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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, Florence Jansen, Roger Toennies, Emily Schirmer.

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**: Norm Horstmann

**GUESTS:** Kristy Richter, Tina Wuebbles, Maria Gimenez

**OPENING**: Deacon Glenn opened the meeting with a prayer. Welcome to Emily Schirmer and Roger Toennies for their willingness to join the Parish Council

**PARISH LIFE:** Thanks to Father Steven for his time and commitment here. We will host a small get together with pastries and coffee after Mass this Sunday after 9:30 AM Mass.

**FR BEATTY:**

**DEACON/FAITH FORMATION REPORT:** The Balloon Rosary was held on May 9th on the school grounds. The last day of Faith Formation was on May 19th. We have 1 teacher leaving, Florence Jansen, who was a sub/floater. Vacation Bible school was held on June 12th- June 16th in the school gymnasium, the rectory and in Church. It was a tremendous success with 44 children in attendance. The EDGE program is here to explain what their goals are for using the rectory and what the program itself entails. The Edge is a Youth Ministry to help get young adults involved in Parish Life. The group will kick off in September and meet once a month.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

Ameren sent a quote for the poles and wire above the gym that needs to be replaced and was discussed at the last meeting. Originally it was conveyed that this would be free is now a quote of $3,336.31. The reasoning of the charge is that the line was there before the gym was built. If the ok is given now they will complete the work before the picnic. This has been approved by the Finance committee. Dan Breiner will put lighting on the pole for more bingo lighting.

The ceiling in the Parish House living room is caving in, Al Varel has volunteered his time to fix it but the costs of the materials will be approximately $1500. The Holy Name has agreed to pay for that.

The Edge Group is asking to have the wallpaper in the Dining room removed and asking for the cost of materials only. They have also asked to have the extra furniture that is sitting around to be moved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We still need a Hispanic member to join the Parish Council, Maria will be helping to recruit someone. The ASA Assessment for the upcoming school year was addressed and 1 student was authorized by the Finance committee. The council needs to come up with the guidelines on who counts as an active member of the Parish.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Picnic changes were discussed. Tribots will no longer be furnishing the rides, we have an alternative to use the Clinton County Bounce Houses. We will need people to supervise these as in the past Tribots employees did this. Clint Breiner has offered to supply the generators needed for the rides. There will also be laser tag games o nthe west side of the grounds. Homemade Ice Cream will be offered by Al Kues. Kids games are being organized and prizes will need to be purchased, donations are requested, it was decided that the second collection this coming weekend would be given to that.

Roger Toennies Term on the Mater Dei School Board is ending, they are looking for a replacement from St. Damian’s to take his place. Anyone interested should contact Roger.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, August 15, 7:00PM

**Minutes taken by Denise Luitjohan**

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