

## **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015, 7:00PM**

**1. CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS:** President - Arlene Korte, Vice-President - Bob Innes, Secretary - Geri Varel

**2. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Jack, Deacon Glenn, Arlene Korte, Kathy Gonsalves, Diana Jansen, Dave Kassen & Trustees Pete Toennies & Jan Mank.

**3. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bob Innes, Gary Arentsen, Geri Varel, Virgil Jansen & Tina Tonnies

**4. OTHER ATTENDEES:** Carol Weiter and Gary Langenhorst, Precision Stained Glass Company

**5. OPENING:** Deacon Glenn opened the meeting with a prayer.

**6. MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING:** The minutes from the April 14, 2015, meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation on May 9-10, 2015.

**7. HISPANIC MINISTRY:** No report.

### **8. PARISH LIFE:**

- Parish Council Elections: Two male parishioners (Clay Lynch and Bud Jansen) have come forth to fill one vacancy on the parish council. Gary Arentsen accepted a second term. Thanks to Gary for agreeing to stay on for another term. Elections to fill one vacancy will take place at both masses at St. Damian on July 18-19, 2015. All parishioners 18 years old and above are eligible to vote.

**9. FINANCE:** The financial reports for April and May were reviewed and accepted. The 01 July 2015 - 30 June 2016 St. Damian Budget was submitted by the St. Damian Finance Council for approval. The new Budget was approved by members present at the meeting and also by absent members via email after the meeting.

**10. PARISH ADMINISTRATION:** Nothing to report.

### **11. LITURGY:**

- Due to renovation of the church at St. George, a couple funerals for St. George parishioners were held at St. Damian. A check was received from the funeral home for masses.

### **12. CATECHETICAL MINISTRY DIRECTOR REPORT:**

- Adult Bible Education: Next Bible Study (Gospel of Luke) will begin 15 June 2015, at St. George, New Baden, 7:30pm at the St. George Community Life Center.
- The National Diocesan Youth Conference will be held in November 2015. The St. Damian/St Bernard CYM is in the process of conducting fundraising events to help raise money to fund attendance at DYC. Please show your support for our young people.
- Youth Softball: Parents are volunteering to coach during the Wed night games.
- Youth Outing: The youth group will go to Holiday World on June 23.
- Faith Formation (FF): The books for 2015-2-16 are in. Fee for FF is \$50 per child with a maximum fee of \$100 per family.
- Joint-Parish Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on June 15-17 from 6-8pm on the St Bernard parish grounds. the KC's are donating money for supplies. Volunteers are needed. Contact Robbin Netemeyer for more info (772-9346).

### **13. HOLY NAME & ALTAR SODALITY REPORTS:**

- Front Park Shelter: The front park shelter remodel is complete. Thanks to all Holy Name Members and parishioners who volunteers their time and talents to get it completed. The building will be used for picnic storage.
- 8 Catalpa Trees: A recommendation was made by the Holy Name Sodality to remove 8 catalpa trees which pose a threat of falling branches on the newly remodeled front park shelter. A bid was obtained from Campbells Tree Service for \$4000.00 to take down 8 trees and grind out the stumps. The Holy Name Sodality agreed to pay \$2000.00. A request was made for the parish to pay the remaining \$2000.00 from the Building Fund. A vote was taken at the meeting and also via email afterwards to the absent members. Request approved.

### **14. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:**

- Hanging Priest Photos in Church: Complete. The photos are hanging above the cry room windows.
- Stained Glass Protectors: Carol Weiter and Gary Langenhorst from Precision Glass were present at the meeting to discuss progress of the window coverings. It was reported that the stained glass covers are almost complete. It was discovered that the top half of the stained glass window in the side entrance was bulged out and in need of repair. Precision Glass submitted a bid of \$1658.00 to disassemble the window, removed all the old lead, solder, and filling; clean each piece of stained glass, rebuild the window with new lead, solder and filling, patina the new lead and solder to match the existing lead, polish the window to help

protect the lead from oxidation, and reinstall the window back into the opening. A vote was taken at the meeting and also via email afterwards to the absent members. The repair was approved.

- Church and Rectory Steps Repair: Repair and sealing of rectory steps, church steps, sacristy steps, and side church entrance (was the side steps repaired??) were completed by Hemker Resurfacing.
- Replace Upstairs Rectory Flooring: Flooring is complete in the hallway and southwest bedroom. Floors in the northeast bedroom will be installed in July while Bob Rapp is on vacation.
- Toilet Replacement: One old toilet was replaced and a new one installed in the southwest bathroom of the rectory.
- Cleaning of Gym Ceiling and Light Fixtures: Completed by Ceiling Clean International (St. Louis). The invoice will be paid from the Building Fund and the parish will be reimbursed from other sources who use the gym for events (Picnic Fund, Holy Name Fund, Altar Sodality Fund and possibly the school's Gym Rental Fund).
- Gym Kitchen Roof: Repairs to roof and ceiling are complete. Awaiting installation of one ceiling fan.

**15. OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report

**16. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Rectory Housekeeper: Rita Toennies is retiring. The parish says "Thanks" to Rita for her faithful service. Bob Rapp offered to clean the house on a trial basis. His rent will be decreased by \$100 per month for his services. Item will be re-visited at a later date to see how things are going.
- Gutter Repair: During recent heavy rains, a leak was discovered in the upstairs hallway closet of the rectory. Rick Engelmann Construction responded and cleaned out the gutters and patched the flat roof. Situation will be monitored to see if the leak is fixed. This repair was included in the budget.
- Joint Parish Directory: Photo appointments are in progress for the new Joint-Parish Directory. Parishioners may register in-person before and after masses starting late June and the first few weekends in July OR you can make an appointment online at [www.stbernardandstdamian.org](http://www.stbernardandstdamian.org) Simply select the photo link, pick an available date & time slot, insert your name, the number of people in your group, and a phone number. You should receive a confirmation via email. Each family/or individual who participates by having their photo taken for the directory will receive a free copy of the directory plus a free 8x10 photo (a great deal!!) Additional photos will be available for purchase from the photographer. The parish would love to have 100% participation from all parishioners. Please sign up! Photo dates at St. Damian are Aug 6-7-8, Aug 25-26, and Sept 11-12. Times are posted in the bulletin, on the website, and also on posters located on the church doors. Please sign up as soon as possible while dates and times are still available. If you have any questions or have trouble using the website, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

**17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- Update - stained glass window repair and coverings (Arlene)
- Update - Rectory flooring upstairs (Arlene)
- Update on removal of catalpa trees (Dave)
- Results of parish council elections on 18-19 July (Fr. Jack)
- Update regarding new Joint-Parish Directory (Geri & Arlene)
- Report on monitoring of roof & gutter repair (who ??)

**18. NEXT MEETING:** Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tues, August 11, 2015 at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

**19. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

**As always, all parish council meetings are open to the public. Please inform the parish secretary (588-4323 or 979-5933) if you would like to speak to a topic or voice a concern so it can be added to the agenda.**