

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015, 7:00PM

1. CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS: President - Arlene Korte, Vice-President - Bob Innes, Secretary - Geri Varell
2. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jack, Deacon Glenn, Arlene Korte, Geri Varell, Kathy Gonsalves, Diana Jansen, Dave Kassen, Virgil Jansen & Gary Arentsen. Trustees Present: Jan Mank & Pete Toennies
3. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Innes & Tina Tonnies
4. OTHER ATTENDEES: Kristen Templin, St. Bernard's Parish Council Rep
5. OPENING: Fr Jack opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING: The minutes of the December 9, 2014, meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation on Jan 3-4, 2015.
7. HISPANIC MINISTRY: No report.
8. PARISH LIFE:
 - SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES: A separate meeting was held on Feb 4, 2015, to discuss shared responsibilities and identify things that need to be done before and after all masses held at St. Damian Church. A lady from the Hispanic community has volunteered and will be trained to do sacristan duties associated with all hispanic masses. Shared responsibilities include set-up of the sanctuary, clean-up of the congregational areas, gathering spaces and bathroom, turning out all lights and fixtures, putting items back in their proper places, and locking all doors after all hispanic masses and events. Bob Rapp will oversee that everything is completed and goes smoothly.
 - COLLECTION COUNTERS: The Hispanic Community has assigned volunteers who will count and deposit the weekly Hispanic collections immediately following each mass.
9. FINANCE: The financial reports for December and January were reviewed and accepted.
10. PARISH ADMINISTRATION: Nothing to report.
11. LITURGY:
 - Ash Wednesday: St. Damian Mass with Ashes @ 7:45am; St. Bernard Mass with Ashes @ 7:00pm
 - Hispanic Distribution of Ashes - 700pm at St. Damian
 - Anointing of the Sick will be held at all masses weekend of Feb 28 - March 1.
 - Stations of the Cross will be held on Thursdays evenings during Lent at 7:00pm. See bulletin for alternating schedules at St. Damian and St. Bernard.
 - Joint Parish Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, March 8, at 1:00pm at St. Bernard.
 - Parishioners are asked to take a rice bowl home from the entrances of church and fill them with spare change. Deposit your rice bowl donations in the big bowl at the main entrance of church before April 5. Please be generous!
 - Palm Sunday and Holy Week Schedules:
 - Palm Sunday, March 28-29: Joint Parish mass at 5:00pm on Saturday at St. Damian (Adult Choir sings)
 - Joint Parish mass at 9:00am on Sunday at St. Bernard
 - Mass in Spanish at 11:00am on Sunday at St. Damian
 - Holy Thursday, April 2: Joint Parish mass at 7:00pm at St. Bernard
 - Good Friday, April 3: Mass at 2:00pm at St. Damian (Youth Choir sings)
 - Mass at 7:00pm at St. Bernard
 - Mass in Spanish at 7:00pm at St. Damian
 - Holy Saturday, April 4: Joint Parish mass at 7:00pm at St. Damian (Adult Choir sings)
 - Easter Sunday, April 5: Regular Sunday schedule - 8:30am at St. Damian (Youth Choir sings)
 - 10:00am at St. Bernard
 - Mass in Spanish at 11:00am at St. Damian
12. CATECHETICAL MINISTRY DIRECTOR REPORT:
 - Cosgrove's Kitchen: 147 casseroles and \$50 donated by St. Damian & St. Bernard parishioners. THANKS TO ALL!!
 - Annual CYM Soup Supper will be held on Sunday, Feb 15, 3:30-6:30pm.
 - Faith Formation: Lenten Booklets will be passed out to all FF children during classes.
 - Lenten Prayer Booklets: Will be available at the entrances of both churches.
 - Adult Bible Education: Will begin on Monday Feb 23 at 7:00pm at St. Damian meeting room.
 - The Diocesan Youth Conference will be held on weekend of March 28.

- First Communion at St. Bernard is on Sunday, April 19 at 10:00am
- St. Bernard Confirmation with Bishop Braxton will be on Tues, April 22, at 7:00pm
- First Communion at St. Damian will be on Saturday May 2, at 4:00pm (please note mass time change)

13. HOLY NAME & ALTAR SODALITY REPORTS:

- Altar Sodality 4-Hand Regular Euchre Tourney will be held on Friday March 20. \$10 per person. Doors open at 6:30pm. Play begins at 7:30pm. BYOB. There will be a cash drawing, quilt raffle, and attendance prizes.
- The Holy Name Wurstmarkt will be held on March 29, Palm Sunday, 10:30am - 5:30pm.
- Holy Name has a tentative work day planned for April 18. Concrete runners will be laid at the cemetery. Work may include sanding, filling holes/cracks, sealing and staining the floors in the Rectory upstairs hallway and the upstairs spare room. (Note: Virgil will arrange a date to also do the floor in the northeast bedroom upstairs).
- Front Park Shelter: The Holy Name will proceed with modifying the front shelter for picnic storage. Al Varel is the point of contact. A separate meeting will be held to brainstorm ideas.
- It was discussed that more lighting is needed on the south side of the gym. Dave Kassen will take the lead to seek alternatives.
- It was discussed that the Gym needs a new roof over the kitchen and annex areas. The school is developing an application for a maintenance grant at this time. More info to follow at a later date.

14. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Hanging Priest Photos in Church - Obtaining 5x7 photos is in progress. Geri Varel is the point of contact.
- Stained Glass Protectors - Installation delayed due to metal fabrication. Arlene Korte is the point of contact.
- Church and Rectory Steps Repair - Hemker Resurfacing responded with a bid of \$1500.00 to repair and seal the rectory steps, church steps, side church entrance, and sacristy steps. Motion approved for Hemker to accomplish repairs when weather permits. Dave Kassen is the point of contact.
- Replacement Upstairs Rectory Flooring - See Holy Name Report notes above. Virgil Jansen is the point of contact.
- Cleaning of Gym Ceiling and Light Fixtures: Motion approved to accept \$2887.00 bid from Ceiling Clean International (St. Louis) to clean the tectum ceiling panels, light fixtures, and beams in the gym. The information was given to Ed Kramer. He will contact the company to make arrangements to do the work sometime in June 2015. Bill will be paid from the Building Fund and reimbursed from other sources who use the gym for events.

15. OLD BUSINESS:

- Christian Wolf Incorporated (host wafers): Fr. Jack reported that Christian Wolf Inc, could not produce a certificate of authenticity; therefore, new hosts will be purchased from the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Price for new hosts including delivery will be less than what Christian Wolf had quoted. Item closed.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- St. Bernard's Family Fun Night will be held at the Hidden Lake Winery Estate on Feb 14. St. Damian parish council members are invited to attend so that a determination can be made if St. Damian would like to host the event in the future.
- A request was made to have more copies of the St. Damin Cemetery Rules & Regulations available at the church entrances. Copies are currently available at the parish office. The parish secretary will be notified.
- The Albers Legion would like to borrow one of the picnic fryers for an event. Request approved.
- Kristen Templin, member of the St. Bernard Parish Council, was present for the meeting to fulfill the requirement that a St. Bernard Council member attend one St. Damian Parish Council meeting per year. Likewise, Dave Kassen will represent the St. Damian Parish Council at the April 7 St. Bernard Parish Council meeting.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Update - stained glass window protectors (Arlene Korte)
- Update - Priest Photos (Geri Varel)
- Update - Rectory flooring upstairs (Virgil Jansen)
- Update - rectory and church steps repair (Dave Kassen)
- Update - gym ceiling cleaning (Ed Kramer)
- Update - Family Fun Night (Arlene Korte)
- Update from the Holy Name regarding front park shelter work and results of April 18 work day (Virgil Jansen)

18. Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tues, April 14, 2015 at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

19. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Deacon Glenn closed the meeting with a prayer.

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.