

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 7:00 PM1. 2016-2017

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS: President - Kathy Gonsalves, Vice President Clay Linch, Secretary Anita Arentsen

2. **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Anthony, Deacon Glenn, Clay Lynch, Anita Arentsen, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Tina Tonnie, Tammy Schrage and Bill Innes.
3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gary Arentsen, Kathy Gonsalves, and Al Varel
4. **OTHER ATTENDEES:** Arlene Korte, Parish Trustee
5. **OPENING:** Fr Anthony opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 11, 2017 MEETING:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation.
7. **PARISH LIFE:** 1) Fr. Anthony announced Deacon Glenn now has a new title as Pastoral Associate of Religious Education. 2) Fr. Anthony encouraged Council Members and parishioners to consider applying to COME INTO MY VINEYARD program which is a two-year program to increase the number of trained Lay Ecclesial Ministers for servant leadership. One of the goals is to encourage parish life involvement while assisting the priest and deacon by sharing in outreach services such as visiting the sick etc. 3) Fr. Anthony presented the new Parish Council Constitution to the members, and after reviewing it there was a brief discussion with some revised changes before it was approved.
8. **DEACON AND SR. ELLEN CONCERNS:** Deacon Glenn announced that they are looking for a 6th Gr. Religion teacher and explained they would be working with a M.D. student, so there wouldn't be a lot involved, however there needs to be an adult in the classroom.
 - * The Youth Ministry will be going to Holiday World on June 27th.
 - * Youth Ministry softball Wed nights at Albers Park, all are welcome to come out and support them.

9. BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: 1) Clay Lynch reported Al Varel investigated several issues of concern: #1) the rotting faceboards in the rectory was discovered as a result of leaking gutters. In order to fix the problem the soffit, facial and gutters need to be replaced on the South side of the rectory. Material and labor were estimated to be \$1,000. Labor and material to install gutters and downspouts \$500 from Ken Fields with Clinton Seamless Gutters. Soffit and facial \$500 from Gary Santel with Gary Arentsen agreeing to lend his lift. The money saved by Al Varel and other VOLUNTEERS to tear down and rebuild the structure will significantly keep the labor cost down. The Council members agreed it was a situation that needed to be addressed and the estimate was reasonable enough. Fr. Anthony offered to get in touch with the finance committee to get the project going. #2) Handicap accessibility to the rectory has been tabled due to the finances involved. There was discussion about alternate options for when the need arises (i.e. Bible Study) and it was determined that using the church, or Albers rectory is currently sufficient. 3) The new landscaping in front of church is complete thanks to several volunteers and Jerry and Meech Toennies for spearheading the project! 4) The entry way into the gym (next to the rectory) is also in need of repair due to the sloping of the concrete. It was suggested to also consider removing the chip and seal and making one large concrete pad. This would not only look nicer but also decrease safety issues during heavy traffic flow (i.e. the picnic). There was discussion of possibly splitting the cost with the school (?) 4) The issues of squirrels getting into the church attic have been addressed by blocking the entry way. Trees have been trimmed, gutters repaired and squirrels relocated ;)

10. HOLY NAME AND ALTAR SODALITY: The results of St. Damian Wurstmarkt in March: served 940 adults and 14 kids. Total Receipts \$21,210 Expenses \$5,763 NET \$15,446

11. OLD BUSINESS: Fr. Anthony inquired about thoughts regarding joint efforts between the two parishes as this is something the diocese is encouraging. There was discussion regarding having joint parish, Ladies Sodality and Finance Committee Christmas parties. Fr. also stated that

Bishop Braxton asked to consider joining Confirmation and another suggestion was brought up to possibly combine 1st Communion.

12. NEW BUSINESS: Kurt Bretz has asked for permission to use soccer goals on church grounds for soccer practices and games. Tammy Schrage agreed to look into ins. and possibly liability issues. Provided this is not an issue the council members agreed for permission.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK: Update on guttering and maintenance.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM Fr Anthony closed with a prayer.

15. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 8th, 2017

Minutes taken by Anita Arentsen

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.