

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015, 7:00PM

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

2. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jack, Arlene Korte, Geri Varel, Kathy Gonsalves, Tina Tonnies, Diana Jansen, Dave Kassen & Virgil Jansen

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Deacon Glen, Bob Innes, Gary Arentsen, Jan Mank, Pete Toennies

4. OTHER ATTENDEES: Kristen Templin & Kim Wieter, St. Bernard's Parish Council Reps
Mike Caraker and Susan Lynch, Damiansville School Board Reps
Al Varel

5. OPENING: Fr Jack opened the meeting with a prayer.

6. MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING: The minutes of the February 10, 2015, meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation on March 7-8, 2015.

7. HISPANIC MINISTRY: No report.

8. PARISH LIFE:

- Parish Council Elections: Bob Innes finished his second term. Gary Arentsen declined a second term. Kathy Gonsalves agreed to stay for a second term. Thanks to Bob for his willingness to serve on the Parish Council for 2 terms. Thanks to Gary for agreeing to finish the term vacated by Phil Jansen. Thanks to Kathy for staying on for a second term. The council is seeking 2 male parishioner volunteers to replace Bob and Gary on the parish council. A note will be published in the bulletin seeking 2 male volunteers. Interested parishioners can contact Arlene Korte/President, Bob Innes/VP, Geri Varel/Secretary, or the Parish Office by May 17. Parish Council Reps serve a 3-year term with an option to accept/decline a second term.

9. FINANCE: The financial reports for February and March were reviewed and accepted.

10. PARISH ADMINISTRATION: Nothing to report.

11. LITURGY:

- St. Damian First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2015, 4:00pm with photos taken before mass. Please note mass time change to 4:00pm for that weekend only. There will be no 5:00pm mass on May 2. Sunday mass schedule remains as is.
- Comments regarding the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies: All masses were well-attended.

12. CATECHETICAL MINISTRY DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Adult Bible Education: Currently studying the Book of Job. Next Bible Study will be during the summer in conjunction with St. George, New Baden.
- The Diocesan Youth Conference was held March 27-29. The National 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.
- The CYM made 210 easter eggs which were handed out to the kids at all Easter masses.
- A book "Rediscover Catholicism" by Mathew Kelley was available at both parishes after the Easter masses. Each family was asked to take one, read it, and pass it along to other family members. A discussion about the book will be held at a later date for those interested in discussing it. The 7th & 8th graders are studying about Mathew Kelley's Decision Point and 4 things that make a dynamic Catholic
- Faith Formation (FF) Fees: It was reported that the costs to operate the FF Program exceed the income collected from fees. Recommendation was made to increase the fee from \$40 per child to \$50 per child with a maximum fee of \$100 per family. Recommendation was approved for the 2015-16 school year.
- A joint-parish First Communion retreat will be held on April 11 from 9:00-Noon.
- Damiansville Elementary is sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper and Science Fair on Wed, April 22 in the gym.
- St. Bernard's Confirmation is scheduled for Wed, April 22 at 7:00pm.
- Meetings regarding upcoming Summer Vacation Bible School are in progress. Dates are in June. Volunteers are needed. Contact Robbin Netemeyer for more info (772-9346).

13. HOLY NAME & ALTAR SODALITY REPORTS:

- Altar Sodality 4-Hand Regular Euchre Tourney was held on Friday March 20. Thanks to all who worked at the event, helped to set up and clean up, provided baked items, or helped in any way. Net profit was \$2,230.82.
- The Holy Name Wurstmarkt was held on March 29, Palm Sunday. Thanks to all who worked at the event, helped to set up and clean up provided desserts, donated, or helped in any way. No financial information available.
- The Holy Name has a work day planned for April 18.

- Front Park Shelter: The Holy Name is proceeding with modifying the front shelter for picnic storage. Construction is moving along smoothly. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to help with the project.

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 should begin in late April (POC Arlene Korte).
- 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. Hemker to accomplish repairs when weather permits (POC Dave Kassen)
- Replace Upstairs Rectory Flooring - An estimated cost for purchasing the flooring for the rectory will be no more than \$1000.00 per room. The parish will be billed a maximum of \$2000.00 for the guest bedroom and hallway. The remaining costs for flooring in other rooms will be covered by an anonymous donor. The floors in the southwest bedroom will be prepped during the Holy Name work day. Floors in the upstairs hallway and Bob Rapp's room will be worked on in July while Bob is on vacation.
- Cleaning of Gym Ceiling and Light Fixtures: Ed Kramer contacted Ceiling Clean International (St. Louis) to set a date to clean the tectum ceiling panels, light fixtures, and beams in the gym. The company is scheduled to start cleaning the first week of June. The invoice will be paid from the Building Fund and the parish will be reimbursed from other sources who use the gym for special events (Picnic Fund, Holy Name Fund, Altar Sodality Fund and possibly the school's Gym Rental Fund).

15. OLD BUSINESS:

- Two members of the St. Damian Council attended the annual Family Fun Night hosted by the St. Bernard Parish Council at Hidden Lake Winery on Feb 14, 2015. After a discussion, the St. Damian Council declined an invitation to co-host the event in the future.
- Copies of the current Cemetery Rules and Regulations are available at the parish office. Parishioners are asked to contact Jeanne at 588-4323 or 248-5112 if they do not have one and would like a copy.
- Dave Kassen will attend the next St. Bernard Parish Council meeting to be held on Tues, June 2, 2015, to fulfill the requirement that a St. Damian Council Member attend one St. Bernard Council meeting per year.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- Kristen Templin and Kim Weiter, members of the St. Bernard Parish Council, were present at the meeting to make a proposal regarding a Joint-Parish Directory. St. Bernard parish is interested in doing an updated parish directory and asked if St. Damian parish would be interested in joining forces to make one directory book, with two sections...one section for St. Damian parishioners and one for St. Bernard parishioners. Each parish family/or individual who participates in the directory will receive a free copy of the directory plus a free 8x10 photo which will be used in the directory. Additional photos would be available for purchase from the photographer. After some discussion, the Council agreed to accept the proposal for the parishes to work together on a Joint-Parish Directory. Arlene & Geri will be the POCs for St. Damian. Kristin will try to set up some dates and times later in the Fall of this year. More information will be forthcoming....stay tuned to the bulletin.
- Mike Caraker and Susan Lynch, members of the Damiansville School Board, were present to discuss bids received for repairing/replacing the roof over three areas of the gym...the kitchen, the annex, and the gym. It was brought to the school board's attention in June/July 2014 timeframe that the roof above the gym kitchen holding the A/C units was in dire need of repair. Per the current lease, the school has sole responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of the gym; however, the school currently does not have the money to repair any of the roof areas and the parish did not budget any money for repairs to the gym since the school has sole responsibility for gym maintenance. The school board members will attend the next Holy Name meeting to seek assistance. Some Holy Name members will attend the next school board meeting to ask what funding might be available through the school's gym rental account, PTO fundraisers, upcoming golf tourney, etc since the majority of parishioners generally contribute toward school fundraisers.
- The annual renewal of Bob Rapp's rental agreement was discussed. Rent will remain as is until he retires in Dec 2016 (\$300.00 per month).

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Update - stained glass window protectors (Arlene Korte)
- Update - Priest Photos (Geri Varel)
- Update - Rectory flooring upstairs (Arlene and Virgil)
- Update - rectory and church steps repair (Dave Kassen)
- Update - gym ceiling cleaning (Ed Kramer)
- Update from the Holy Name regarding front park shelter work and results of April 18 work day (Virgil Jansen)
- Update regarding repair of the gym roof above the kitchen (Mike Caraker & Susan Lynch)
- Update on search for 2 new Parish Council members & election of officers.

18. NEXT MEETING: Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tues, June 9, 2015 at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

19. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. Fr. Jack 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.