

ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016 7:00PM

- 1. 2016-2017 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS:** President - Dave Kassen, Vice-President - Kathy Gonsalves, Secretary - Geri Varel
- 2. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deacon Glenn, Dave Kassen, Kathy Gonsalves, Geri Varel, Pete Toennies, Jan Mank, Anita Arentsen, Gary Arentsen, Tina Tonnie, & JoAnn Koerkenmeier.
- 3. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Clay Lynch, Virgil Jansen
- 4. OTHER ATTENDEES:** None
- 5. OPENING:** Jan Mank opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 6. MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 2016 MEETING:** The minutes of the April 12, 2016,, meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation on May 7-8, 2016.
- 7. HISPANIC MINISTRY:** No update available regarding search for new Hispanic Minister for the Diocese. Bob Rapp will be leaving in the Nov/Dec 2016 timeframe.
- 8. PARISH LIFE:** Nothing to report.
- 9. FINANCE:**
 - The financial reports for April and May 2016, were reviewed and approved.
 - The proposed budget for 2016-2017 was also approved.
 - The St. Damian Finance Committee proposed a question regarding ACH Deposits. An ACH Deposit is set up by each individual parishioner to have their church contributions automatically deposited in the St. Damian account at the bank. After some discussion, it was agreed that ACH Deposits should be considered for St. Damian parishioners. Jan Mank will obtain additional information to publish to all St. Damian Parishioners.
- 10. PARISH ADMINISTRATION:**

Bishop Braxton announced via letter dated 11 June 2016, that Fr. Anthony Onyango would be reassigned from St. Teresa/St. Luke Parishes in Belleville to serve as the temporary Priest and Administrator of St. Damian and St. Bernard Parishes effective 12 July 2016, for a period of 1 year with options to renew depending on pastoral circumstances and the needs of the Diocese. We look forward to meeting Fr. Onyango and having him as our new Priest. He will be in residence at St. Bernard in Albers.
- 11. LITURGY:**
 - We will continue to schedule morning Communion Services during the weekdays until Fr. Onyango arrives. When he does arrive, the morning mass schedule may change due to Fr. Onyango attending classes during the week. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more info regarding upcoming schedule for weekday mass and communion services.
 - The picnic weekend mass schedule will remain as it has been in the past with masses at 4:00 and 5:30 on Saturday and 8:30am on Sunday.
- 12. CATECHETICAL MINISTRY DIRECTOR REPORT:**
 - The CYM will have CYM Day at Holiday World on June 26. They will also participate in the Albers Parade on July 3. The CYM has ballgames on Wednesday nights.
 - Faith Formation - St. Damian will be losing the 6th grade Faith Formation teacher for the 2016-17 school year. If anyone in the parish would like to serve in this position or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Deacon Glenn at 248-5134.
 - The annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled at St. Damian on Sunday, August 14, 2016, from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help with the activities. The theme is "Surf Shack - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love". Stay tuned for more info.
- 13. HOLY NAME & ALTAR SODALITY REPORTS:**
 - The Men's Holy Name hosted their annual Wurstmarkt on Palm Sunday, March 20. Results are as follows: Income \$19,729.75; Expenses \$6755.19; Net Profit \$12,974.56. Thanks to all who helped in an way to make the Wurstmarkt a success.
 - Altar Sodality - No report.
- 14. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:**
 - The coat of water sealant applied by Warnecke Restoration Services on the south and east walls of the parish house late last year appears to be working. Dave Kassen will contact Brad Zurliene to take a look at the plaster to determine next steps.
 - Members of the Men's Holy Name will work to remove the Cemetery trees and replace the flag pole as weather permits.

- Members of the Men's Holy Name replaced the sidewalks on the south and east sides of the parish house and also poured new concrete on the west side of the driveway, and planted new grass. The new sidewalks will allow easier access from the south parking lot to the picnic grounds. Thanks to all who helped get the concrete project completed.
- The paint on the west wall and baseboard of church (near the baptismal font) is peeling. A deflector was put on the A/C vent to see if it makes a difference. The paint doesn't appear to be getting any worse. Item still tabled.
- The material covering the speakers in church was removed. There appears to be some improvement in the sound. Request parishioners contact the parish office if they are still experiencing issues with sound in church.
- Higher wattage bulbs were installed in the 2 balcony lights. Choir members are asked to contact the parish office if they are still experiencing issues with lighting in the balcony
- There are several floor tiles under the swinging doors at the main entrance of church that are cracked. A quote was received from Luitjohan's Flooring America to remove 2 rows of tile, level the area, and install new tiles for a price of \$387.10. Motion approved to proceed with repair.

15. OLD BUSINESS:

- Gluten Free Hosts - Additional research will need to be done to see how many people would be interested in received a gluten-free host at Communion. These types of hosts are available from our current supplier for a higher price. If there is a definite interest within our parish family, parishioners are asked to contact the parish office to state that you are interested. Additional research will also be done to see how these hosts are distributed in other parishes who offer them.
- If anyone is interested in being added to the list of people who count collections on Sunday mornings, please let Jeanne know at 979-5933.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- A recommendation was made to remove the overgrown shrubbery in front of the parish house and replace it with some decorative rock that requires no maintenance. The recommendation will be passed to the Holy Name for possible action during the next work day.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Update on cemetery trees & flag pole
- Picnic Report.
- Update on repair of water damage to walls in rectory.
- Update on peeling paint on west wall of the church (by baptismal font)
- Update on ACH Deposits.
- Update on front landscaping at the rectory.
- Update on use of gluten-free hosts.

18. NEXT MEETING: Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

19. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. 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.**