

**ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018 7:00 PM**

1. **2018-2019 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS:** President - Clay Lynch, Vice President - JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Secretary - Anita Arentsen
2. **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Anthony, Anita Arentsen, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Tina Toennies, Al Varel, Dale Koch, Denise Luitjohan, Clay Lynch, Ex-officio members: Virgil Jansen, Arlene Korte and Sr. Ellen Orf
3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Deacon Glenn, Bill Innes and Gwen Toennies
4. **OTHER ATTENDEES:** Hispanic Representative Fermin Herrera
5. **OPENING:** Fr. Anthony opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 13, 2018 MEETING:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation.
7. **PARISH LIFE:** Welcome to newly elected council members, Dale Koch and Denise Luitjohan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following members were nominated and agreed to be the respected offices: Clay Lynch - President, JoAnn Koerkenmeier - Vice President, and Anita Arentsen agreed to continue to serve as Secretary.

8. **PARISH ADMINISTRATION:** The last day of Catechist school is May 17th. Due to taking a new job Denise Luitjohan has resigned as 2nd Gr. teacher and this position will be covered by other Catechist for the remainder of this school yr. It was reported Deacon Glenn is currently working on vacation Bible Study.
9. **LITURGY:** CONFIRMATION Wednesday, APRIL 18th at 7:00 PM  
1ST COMMUNION Saturday, MAY12th at 4:00 PM
10. **HISPANIC MINISTRY:** Sister Ellen recapped many activities in the Hispanic Ministry stating our church is the hub for all of the Clinton County Hispanic Ministries. She introduced Fermin Herrera and explained in addition to herself, he will also be representing the Hispanic Ministry.  
1st COMMUNION will be celebrated on April 29th, 2018 at the 11:00 Spanish Mass  
MAY 26th Daniela Juarez will celebrate her Quinceanera.
11. **BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:** Al Varel reported the cemetery trees & flag pole were approved and would be supported by the Holy Name. The fence is down, and they are now awaiting favorable weather to move forward on the project. There will be a work day to address several projects around the church grounds but the date has not yet been determined. A new door above the rector garage was installed and the gum ball tree just South of the rectory will be coming down soon. Another future project is to replace the chip rock that is just North and West of the gym with concrete. Arlene Korte and Al Varel will also look into options for a banister up to the altar.
12. **HOLY NAME AND ALTAR SODALITY:** A report from the Altar Sodality indicated a profit of \$4,575 from the Taco Fish Fry. This was a joint effort with Albers Altar Sodality therefore the profit is split between the two. The event was well attended and the ladies plan on repeating it again next year. The report from the Wurstmarkt is still pending.

13. **OLD BUSINESS:** The Parish Council Constitution was reviewed and revisions were made to Article III, Section 2, 5, 9 & 10.
14. **NEW BUSINESS:** Council members Al Varel and Arlene Korte will look into railing up to the altar and repairs to a crack in the plexiglass of one of the church windows.
15. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Update on the maintenance projects of the church property.
16. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM Fr. Anthony closed with a prayer.
17. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, June 19th 2018

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.**