

**ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 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, Clay Lynch, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Anita Arentsen, Tina Toennies, Al Varel, Dale Koch, and Denise Luitjohan. Ex-officio members: Deacon Kevin Templin, Virgil Jansen, Arlene Korte, and Sr. Ellen Orf
3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill Innes and Gwen Toennies
4. **OTHER ATTENDEES:**
5. **OPENING:** Fr. Anthony opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **PARISH LIFE / LITURGY:**

Deacon Kevin Templin reported the following liturgy schedule:

Holy Thursday - The Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM St. Bernard
Adoration Following Mass 8:00-12:00

Good Friday:

2:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Damian

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Bernard

7:30 pm Hispanic Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Damian

Holy Saturday - 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass (Candidates receiving confirmation and Holy Communion) at St. Damian

Easter Sunday (Normal Mass schedule)

8:30 St. Damian

10:00 St. Bernard

11:00 Hispanic Mass - St. Damian

Other upcoming events:

April 27th KC Reverse Drawing 6:00 start

Wednesday May 1st 7:00 pm Confirmation - St. Bernard

Saturday May 4th 4:00 pm First Communion - St. Damian

*PSR Registration will begin after Easter

7. **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** Terms for Anita Arentsen, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, and Tina Toennies has expired. JoAnn Koerkenmeier agreed to fill another term. We will be replacing 2 ladies for 1 lady and 1 man or 2 ladies (in keeping with the balanced male / female ratio). Arlene Korte and JoAnn Koerkenmeier offered to take care of getting nominations.
8. **HISPANIC MINISTRY:** Sr. Ellen reported they would be having an Easter Egg hunt with their Easter Celebration. There is an upcoming retreat for Spanish Couples at The Lady of the Snows. They are making plans to celebrate Mothers Day but have no specifics yet.

9. BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: There was a work day last Saturday April 13th that involved pouring the sidewalk from the school to the school playground and also completing the parking area East of the front shelter. The sidewalks were pressure washed in front of church and miscellaneous things were addressed at the cemetery. The park pavilion and bathrooms were cleaned and pressure washed as well. Thanks to all who came out and helped!!

President Clay Lynch made a motion to move forward with the other maintenance items with the idea of asking the Ladies Sodality to contribute 6K as did the Holy Name. (This amount was derived to help offset the decreased revenue from the rainout of the picnic last year). Denise Luitjohan made a motion to accept and Al Varel second the motion, all approved.

Maintenance items still needing attention are:

- 1) having the gym kitchen and cabinets painted
- 2) the plaster and painting of the "quilt room" and adjoining spare bedroom of the rectory (now that the leaky roof has been repaired).

10. HOLY NAME AND ALTAR SODALITY:

11. OLD BUSINESS:

12. NEW BUSINESS: There was a request for gluten-free host and Fr. stated he would get some ordered and they would devise a plan on how to make the parish aware of the option and how to administer the host without contamination from the other host.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: * Update on the maintenance projects of the church property
*Welcome of the newly elected officers.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM Fr. Anthony closed with a prayer.

15. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 18th

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.