

**ST DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY AUGUST 21, 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, Tina Tonnie, Gwen Toennies, Al Varel, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Dale Koch, Clay Lynch, Denise Luitjohan, Bill Innes. Ex-officio members: Deacon Kevin Templin, Arlene Korte, Sr. Ellen Orf, Fermin Herrera, Jeanne Langenhorst
3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anita Arentsen
4. **OTHER ATTENDEES:** Anita Rakers, Jan Hitch, Kathleen Hodges, Kevin Toennies, Ben Fuehne, Susan Lynch, Lori Toennies, Tammy Haselhorst, Jerry Arentsen, Jerry Toennies
5. **OPENING:** Fr. Anthony opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 19, 2018 MEETING:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation.
7. **RAINED OUT PICNIC.** The joint meeting was opened with Jeanne reporting the Picnic Report from the past 3 years; with emphasis on how much the Bingo has brought in those years. Jeanne explained that the Bingo proceeds are normally the monies that are deposited into the Diocesan General Savings Account. Then this money is taken out of that fund the next year for the start up cash, if needed. Jeanne stated that we are approximately \$12,000.00 short from previous years. The discussion was then opened to the floor to discuss how to supplement the income lost from the rained out bingo. Kathleen Hodges spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee and their meeting prior to the Parish Council Meeting. Kathleen stated that since both the Holy Name and Altar Sodality have sufficient funds in their accounts, it was suggested that both of them donate \$6,000.00 each to the Picnic Fund. It was further discussed that this money would be donated on an as-needed basis. This was brought to a motion which was approved by Al Varel and seconded by Denise Luitjohan.
8. **PARISH LIFE.** Father commented on his recent letter that was inserted in the bulletin the weekend of August 18 and 19. A new monthly newsletter is being created by Tammy Schrage. To submit anything to have included in the newsletter, the deadline will be on First Wednesday of the month.
9. **DEACON AND SR. ELLEN CONCERNS.** Sr. Ellen reported on the St. Damian and St. Cosmas Feast day bilingual Mass which is still in the planning stages. There will only be the one Mass at St. Damian's at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday September 23. There will be a meal afterwards in the gym with fried chicken, tacos and a general potluck. A committee is planning games for families including some ice breakers. This is being financed by the Building Bridges grant.
10. **BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE.** Al Varel reported that the cemetery trees have been removed and the flag pole is being constructed. The flag is being donated by the Legion. The walk ways are completed. Pete Toennies was installing the railing up the altar. The plexiglass crack on the church windows and the water issues in Sr. Ellen's bathroom have both been fixed. Al handed out quotes that had been collected for the painting of the Gym kitchen. Arlene reported that this will be financed by the Building Fund. The motion to approve the quote was made by Gwen Toennies and Tina Tonnie seconded the motion.
11. **LITURGY.** Only topic was the bilingual Mass that was discussed earlier.
12. **HOLY NAME AND ALTAR SODALITY.** Nothing to report. Some members were in attendance earlier to cover the Picnic discussion.
13. **OLD BUSINESS.** None.

14. **NEW BUSINESS.** Al Varel reported that Pete Toennies is constructing a cabinet to hold the sound system in church. This will be a locked cabinet to hopefully reduce the issues with the Deacon's transponder. Deacon Kevin informed the council that a "Reboot Retreat" is being held on October 24, 2018 sponsored by Holy Childhood Parish in Mascoutah. The cost is \$15.00 per ticket. This is a 2 ½ hour Gospel Experience that is age appropriate for anyone 10 and over.

15. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

16. **ADJOURNMENT.** Father closed with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

17. **NEXT MEETING.** Tuesday, October 16th, 2018

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 on a topic or voice a concern, so it can be added to the agenda.

Minutes taken by Denise Luitjohan