

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014, 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, Diana Jansen, Dave Kassen, Virgil Jansen & Gary Arentsen. Trustees Present: Jan Mank & Pete Toenniee

3. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Deacon Glenn, Bob Innes & Tina Tonniee

4. OTHER ATTENDEES: None

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

6. MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING: The minutes of the October 14, 2014, meeting were approved via email and published to the congregation on Nov 15-16, 2014.

7. HISPANIC MINISTRY: No report.

8. PARISH LIFE: Nothing to report.

9. FINANCE: The financial reports for Oct and Nov were reviewed and accepted.

10. PARISH ADMINISTRATION: Nothing to report.

11. LITURGY:

- The church will be decorated for Christmas on Sat, Dec 20, at 8:00am.
- The decorations will be taken down on Sat, Jan 10, at 8:00am
- Christmas Mass schedule is as follows: Christmas Eve: 5:00pm at St. Damian
- Christmas Eve: 10:00pm at St. Bernard
- Christmas Day: 9:00am at St. Damian
- No mass at St. Bernard on Christmas Day
- The Feast of the Epiphany is Jan 4, 2015.

12. CATECHETICAL MINISTRY DIRECTOR REPORT:

- CYM Operation Christmas Child: 76 boxes were delivered.
- Hardees Night was a success with \$375.00 donated.
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success.
- Annual St Damian Giving Tree for BCMW will be available through Dec 14 for donations of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks for men, women & kids.
- The Knights for Columbus Keeping Christ in Christmas poster contest for grades 1-8 had 148 participants.
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Chyrisse Horstmann will participate in the Rite of Welcome on Sunday, Dec 14, at the 8:30am mass.

- Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend is Jan 17-19, 2015, at St. Mary's. Carlyle. For an application, go to www.bellevilletec.org
- Annual Soup Supper will be held Feb 15 (Sunday before Ash Wed)
- First Communion at St Damian will be May 4, 2015 at 4:00pm. Please note mass time change.

13. HOLY NAME & ALTAR SODALITY REPORTS: The Altar Sodality Christmas Party was held on Sunday Dec 7 at Albers Legion. It was very nice and well-attended. The Holy Name/Chamber of Commerce will have a combined Christmas party and meeting on Fri, Dec 12.

14. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Asphalt Parking Lot Estimates - remains tabled due to funding.
- Kitchen Cabinets & Hood Installation - Complete. They look great! Thanks to Pete Toennies for his work on this project. His bill is forthcoming.
- Priest Photos - In progress.
- Stained Glass Protectors - Installation delayed due to metal fabrication.
- Church and Rectory Steps Repair - Dave Kassen contacted Hemker about repairs. Hemker will provide a quote before the next meeting in February 2015.
- Replacement Rectory Flooring - The carpeting on the landing and hallway upstairs was removed. The wood underneath probably cannot be sanded and refinished due to the age of the delicate wood. Recommendation made to finish project in the most cost effective way by either doing nothing at this time or getting quotes for carpeting and pad in addition to the laminant quote. Item tabled until next meeting.
- Cleaning of Gym Ceiling and Light Fixtures: Need to follow up with company from St. Louis (Al Varel). Recommendation made that the cost of the cleaning be shared among the parish, the Holy Name, the Altar Sodality and the School, since the gym space is shared by all for various functions and events.

15. OLD BUSINESS:

- Christian Wolf Incorporated (New host wafers): Fr. Jack will do more research to ensure the guidelines of the Catholic Church are met.
- Front Park Shelter Use: The Parish Council had no objections to a suggestion made by the Picnic Committee at the last Parish Council meeting, to begin using the front park shelter for picnic storage. Proposed plans and funding will be discussed at the Holy Name meeting on Dec 12, so that work can proceed.
- Cemetery Grave Digger: Arrangements have been finalized. Funeral directors will contact Glenn Dorries Excavating for all future grave digging at St. Damian Cemetery.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- Joint Parish Holiday Dinner: Friday, Jan 9, 2015, at the Albers JC Building. St. Damian Hosting. Menu assignments will be sent via email.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Update Rectory flooring

- Update steps repair.
- Update gym ceiling cleaning.
- Update from the Holy Name regarding front park shelter decision.
- Update on flooring quotes for upstairs.

18. Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tues, February 10, 2015 at 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

19. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. 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.