

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014, 7:00PM

1. **CURRENT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS:** President - Arlene Korte, Vice-President - Bob Innes, Secretary - Geri Varel
2. **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Jack, Deacon Glenn, Arlene Korte, Geri Varel, Bob Innes, Kathy Gonsalves, Diana Jansen, Dave Kassen, Virgil Jansen & Gary Arentsen. Trustees Present: Jan Mank & Pete Toennie
3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
4. **OTHER ATTENDEES:** Jerry Toennies, Clay Lynch, Shirley Albers
5. **OPENING:** Fr Jack opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **MINUTES FROM AUGUST MEETING:** The minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting were approved via email and published to the congregation on Sep 6-7.
7. **HISPANIC MINISTRY:** No report.
8. **PARISH LIFE:** Jeanne will be at St Damian or St. Bernard on Mondays & Fridays; and at St George on Tues, Wed & Thurs.
9. **FINANCE:** The financial reports for Aug and Sep were reviewed and accepted.
10. **PARISH ADMINISTRATION:** Nothing to report.
11. **LITURGY:**
 - The Book of Remembrance will be available 26 Oct 2014 for anyone to write down the names of deceased relatives and friends.
 - The annual Candle Ritual will be held on Sunday Nov 2, All Souls Day.
 - All Saints vigil mass will be held Friday evening, 7pm, at St Damian.
 - There will be one joint-parish mass on Thanksgiving at St Bernard, 9:00am. No mass at St Damian on Thanksgiving.
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe mass & feast at St Damian, Sun, Dec 7, 11:00am
 - Joint-parish Advent Penance Service will be at St Damian on Sun, Dec 7, 1:30pm
 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception mass at St Damian on Mon, Dec 8, 7:45am
 - Christmas decorations will be put up at St Damian on Sat, Dec 20, 8:00am
 - Dec 24 Christmas Eve mass schedule: St Damian 5:00pm / St. Bernard 10:00pm
 - There will be one joint-parish mass at St Damian at 9:00am on Dec 25 Christmas Day morning. No mass on Christmas Day at St Bernard.
 - Two books by Matthew Kelly will be purchased by St Damian, St Bernard and St George parishes and distributed to each family as a Christmas gift. An opportunity to discuss the books will follow in 2015. Stay tuned.
 - Feast of Epiphany is Jan 4.
 - Christmas decorations taken down at St Damian - watch the bulletin for date
12. **CATECHETICAL MINISTRY DIRECTOR REPORT:**
 - CYM Operation Christmas Child: Watch the bulletin for details.
 - Faith Formation Family Night for 2nd graders is Nov 19, 7:00pm
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive: Bags distributed on Nov 8 & picked up on Nov 15.
 - CYM Thanksgiving Meal & Meeting is Nov 9 at 6:00pm at St Damian gym.
 - Hardee's Night in Breese is rescheduled to Wed, Nov 12, 5-8pm. 20% of all sales (including drive-thru) will be donated to St Damian/St. Bernard CYM.
 - Bible Study continues through Nov 24, 7:00-8:30pm.

- Annual St Damian Giving Tree for BCMW will be available Nov 22 - Dec 14 for donations of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks for men, women & kids.
- Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest for grades 1-8. Deadline to return artwork to the Faith Formation Teachers is Dec 4.
- 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 - date TBD

13. HOLY NAME & ALTAR SODALITY REPORTS: The Altar Sodality Christmas Party will be held on Sunday Dec 7 at Albers Legion. Cocktails at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00. Please sign up before Nov 30.

14. BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Asphalt Estimates - remains tabled due to funding.
- Kitchen Cabinets & Hood Installation - in progress. Pete will proceed.
- Priest Photos - Samples were available at the meeting. Geri will proceed.
- Stained Glass Protectors - Installation delayed due to metal fabrication.
- Used Dining Room Set - purchased and installed
- Church and Rectory Steps Repair - Hemker is not responding to calls. Dave I'll keep trying,
- Replacement Flooring - Virgil I'll look at flooring underneath the carpeting and re-evaluate. Tabled until next meeting.

15. OLD BUSINESS: The tavern property across the street from church has been razed.

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- Cemetery Grave Stone Repair - Proof of Insurance was verified with Dan Santel, however, he cannot afford to pay for repairs at this time. Motion made to have bill paid from the cemetery fund and have future graves dug by Glenn Dorries Excavating. Motion passed.
- Proposal received from Tim Norrenberns, owner of Christian Wolf Inc, Bartelso IL, to provide St Damian with communion wafers. Current provider is moving from Florrisant MO. Pricing is actually cheaper to go with Christian Wolf. Motion made passed.
- Jerry Toennies & Clay Lynch were present to discuss options for the storage trailer where the bingo wood is being stored. It was brought to the parish council's attention that Holy Name was in discussions about possibly re-roofing the front shelter and enclosing it as a storage area for picnic items. The parish council had no objections. The topic will be brought up at the next Holy Name meeting in December.
- Shirley Albers was present to make a recommendation that the ceiling and light fixtures in the gym be cleaned before the picnic in 2015. Deacon Glenn will check with Jeanne to see who cleaned it years ago. Recommendation made to schedule cleaning as soon as school is out and before the gym floor is waxed (early June timeframe). Also recommend that the school, picnic committee, men's & ladies sodalities, and the church share costs to do the cleaning.

17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Rectory flooring
- Rectory & church steps repair
- Rectory cabinets & hood
- Cleaning of gym ceiling and light fixtures
- Update regarding using front park shelter for picnic storage
- Joint Parish Council Holiday Dinner - date TBD (St Damian hosting)

18. Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tues, Dec 9, 7:00pm in the parish meeting room.

19. 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.