ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 7:00 PM

- 1. 2019-20 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS: President Clay Lynch, Vice President JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Secretary Denise Luitjohan
- 2. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Clay Lynch, Al Varel, Gwen Toennies, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Kay Toennies, Garry Kalmer and Denise Luitjohan. Ex-officio members: Fr. Anthony, Deacon Kevin Templin, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, Virgil Jansen.
- 3. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mech Toennies, Dale Koch
- 4. OTHER ATTENDEES: None
- **5. OPENING**: Father Anthony opened the meeting with a prayer.
- **6. PARISH LIFE / LITURGY**: Father Anthony reported that at the Diocese Chancery meeting a Planned Parenthood billboard that was erected near Central High School would be paid for by all of the area parishes, each Parish will pay \$250.

Although St. Damian's Parish finances are good donations are not what the Parish had hoped for. Discussions centered around how to spread the word of utilizing the ACH option for contributions and possible ap's that could be setup, such as VenMo. Christmas bonuses for Parish employees and liturgical staff/volunteers were approved by the council.

- 7. HISPANIC MINISTRY: Nothing reported
- **9. BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:** The cleaning of Parish House basement has been completed which makes it possible to now get a quote for the plumbing work that needs to be completed. There is old piping that needs to be replaced. The village will pay for the entire new waterline that will go into the rectory and the church
- 10. HOLY NAME AND ALTAR SODALITY: Nothing reported
- 11. OLD BUSINESS: Basement clean-up was completed.
- **12. NEW BUSINESS:** Dates for the Parish Council Christmas Party were agreed for January 31st or February 7th. It will be confirmed after discussed with St. Bernard's Parish Council. Al reported from the Cemetery committee that the Fence that was damaged has been repaired and this was paid for by the persons that damaged it.
- **13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Parish Council elections.
- **14. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned and Fr. Anthony closed with a prayer..

15. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Minutes taken by Denise Luitjohan

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