

**ST. DAMIANS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017, 7:00PM**

1. **2017-2018 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS:** President – Kathy Gonsalves, Vice-President – Clay Lynch, Secretary – Anita Arentsen
2. **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Anthony, Kathy Gonsalves, Bill Innes, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, & Al Varel
3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Deacon Glenn, Gary Arentsen, Clay Lynch, Anita Arentsen, Tina Toennies, & Tammy Schrage
4. **OTHER ATTENDEES:** Sr. Ellen Orf, Virgil Jansen, Parish Trustee
5. **OPENING:** Fr. Anthony opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 13, 2017 MEETING:** The minutes from the June 13, 2017 meeting were approved by council members via email and published to the congregation.
7. **PARISH LIFE:**
8. **DEACON GLENN & SR. ELLEN CONCERNS:**
  - Catholic Youth Ministry softball is Wednesday nights. They are finishing up the season. They had 15-18 players on the team.
  - Catholic Youth Ministry went to Holiday World on June 27. 15 youth from Damiansville & Albers along with Deacon Glenn and others as chaperones attended.
  - Vacation Bible School was held on August 6 in Damiansville gym. 26 students from Damiansville, Albers, and Aviston attended.
  - Faith Formation Evangelist meeting was held on July 28. Evangelists for this year are –  
(K) Arlene Korte  
(1<sup>st</sup>) Abby Arentsen & Emma Rogers  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) Denise Luitjohan  
(3<sup>rd</sup>) Ruth Pingsterhaus  
(4<sup>th</sup>) Sharon Kalmer  
(5<sup>th</sup>) Mary Innes  
(6<sup>th</sup>) Kathleen Hodges  
(7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>) Jackie ToenniesFaith Formation tuition mostly in with a big thank you to the Faith Formation Teachers. Faith Formation begins on August 17.
  - Adult Bible Education continues on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm.
  - Kevin Templin to receive award for Faith in the Marketplace on September 9.
  - Sr. Ellen drove seven Hispanic children (four from Damiansville and three from Albers) to Fairmount City to board a bus to go to 6 Flags through the Carlos Martinez Foundation.
  - The Feast of St. Francis celebration will be October 7. There will be a procession around the church square followed by a 3 pm mass, then a reception in the gym.

- Sr. Ellen received information about our Sister Parish in Guatemala. She received a list of what we donated and what they used our donations for.
- Hispanic Bible Study is on Friday at 7:00 pm and English Classes on Saturday at 10:00 am.

#### **9. BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

- Cemetery Trees & Flag Pole – Al Varel said he would check with Dave Kassen and Ed Kramer to see what needs to be done and try to get this completed this fall.
- Old Sound System – Gave to AAA Swing City who installed our new sound system and they will try to sell for us.
- New Gutters & Fascia on Rectory Garage – Al Varel said they started the repairs on August 8, 2017 and it would take a couple days to complete.

#### **10. LITURGY:**

- Assumption Mass schedule – Vigil on Monday, August 14 at 7:00 pm at St. Damian, and on Tuesday, August 15 at 8:00 am at St. Bernard.

#### **11. FINANCE:**

#### **12. HOLY NAME / ALTAR SODALITY:**

- Altar Sodality Euchre Tournament - Kathy Gonsalves will contact Donna Fuehne for the results.

#### **13. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Kurt Bretz was given permission to use soccer goals on church grounds for soccer practices and games.

#### **14. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **15. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- Update on cemetery trees & flag pole
- Euchre Tourney results

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Fr. Anthony closed with a prayer.

**17. NEXT MEETING:** Next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the parish meeting room.

**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.**