

**ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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, Anita Arentsen, JoAnn Koerkenmeier, Gwen Toennies
Bill Innes, Dale Koch, Clay Lynch, and Denise Luitjohan. Ex-officio members: Deacon Glen
Netemeyer, Deacon Kevin Templin, Virgil Jansen, Arlene Korte, Sr. Ellen Orf and Fermin Herrera
3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tina Toennies and Al Varel
4. **OTHER ATTENDEES:**
5. **OPENING:** Fr. Anthony opened the meeting with a prayer.
6. **MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 21, 2018 MEETING:** The minutes from the previous meeting were
approved by council members via email and published to the congregation.
7. **PARISH LIFE / LITURGY:**
 - Deacon Glen Netemeyer summarized the upcoming parish activities including:
 - * **Book of Remembrance** will be set out this weekend and into November
 - * **Candle Ritual** for the deceased at Sunday Masses on October 28th
 - * **All Saints** Thursday, Nov 1st 7:45 am at St. Bernard and 7:00 pm at St. Damian
 - * **All Souls** Prayer Service on Friday, Nov 2 at 7:45 am at St. Damian
 - * **Faith Family Fun Night (Reconciliation)** will be on Wednesday, Nov 7 at 7:00 pm St. Damian
 - * **Confirmation Enrollment Mass** Sunday, Nov. 11, 10:00 am at St. Bernard
 - * **Veterans Day:** Nov. 11 county Legion services at St. George 9:00 am parade at 2:50
 - * **Vicariate Cancer Mass** Tuesday Nov. 20 St. Bernard, Albers 6:15 Reconciliation,
7:00 pm mass
 - * **Thanksgiving** Thur. Nov. 22 Mass at 9:00 am at St. Bernard
 - * **Advent / Giving Tree** Geri Varel will do this at St. Damian and
Melissa Netemeyer at St. Bernard
 - * **Intergenerational Joint Parish Advent Penance Service** Sunday, Dec. 2, 1:00 at St. Damian
with 10 children receiving the sacrament for the first time
 - * **Immaculate Conception** Joint Mass on Saturday, Dec 8 at 9:00 am
 - * **Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be celebrated on Dec. 9 ant 11:00 am mass with Fiesta to follow in
St. Damian Parish Center
 - * **St. Bernard Children's Christmas Pageant** Dec. 15 4:00
 - * **Christmas Decorating** St. Damian's Saturday Dec 15th at 8:00am
St. Bernard Dec. 21 at 6:00 pm
 - * **Christmas Eve Masses:** Monday, Dec 24: St. Damian's at 4:00 pm / St. Bernard at 10:00 pm
 - * **Christmas Day Mass** Tuesday, Dec 25 9:00 am at St. Damian
 - * **New Years Day** Tuesday. January 1st 9:00 am at St. Bernard
 - * **Take down Christmas decorations:** St. Damian Saturday Jan. 12th at 8:00 am
8. **PARISH ADMINISTRATION:**
 - Deacon Glen Netemeyer reported adult Bible Ed. has been going on for 3 wks now.

The bags for the **yearly food drive for the needy** will be distributed on Oct 20, and picked up on
the 27th where it will be boxed up in the school and taken to the food pantry in Germantown.

The soup supper will be the Sunday before lent, March 3rd.

Deacon Kevin Templin reported the “Reboot Retreat” being held on Oct. 24th was sold out.

Sr. Ellen reported a light turn-out for the St. Damian and St. Cosmas celebration but was pleased with the event stating all in attendance appeared to have a good time. Clay Lynch reiterated that it was nice to congregate with the Hispanic parishioners and thought the food/tacos were good, and their children really enjoyed the festivities and pinata. He did suggest that if the event is repeated to have at least one person at each table that spoke English and another who spoke Spanish to assist in conversation. Hoping it will be better attended next time. Sr. Ellen also announced a “Conversation and Pizza” event for the youth (7th gr. through high schoolers) taking place this Sunday Oct 21 2:30-5:00

10. HISPANIC MINISTRY:

11. BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: Updates: Flag pole: Dale Koch reported the flag pole is finished and waiting to be erected by Roger Brandmeyer as soon as weather permits and the crane he operates is available. The flag was donated by the legion. They are currently holding off on any lightning to assess best options after installation. Railing up to the altar: currently under construction by Pete Toennies. Cabinet for sound system: Clay Lynch reported meeting with the sound company reps and stated they were helpful explaining the necessary adjustments etc. Oil and chipping: there are plans for this Thursday to finish areas around the church and school including the parking lot. Painting estimates on the gym kitchen and rectory or on hold (pending time that can be coordinated between the painting company and restrictions of use of the gym kitchen). Al Varel is still looking into plaster repair and painting of the quilt room in the rectory.

12. HOLY NAME AND ALTAR SODALITY:

13. OLD BUSINESS:

14. NEW BUSINESS: Virgil Jansen reported from now on if a parishioner passes away and is laid out in church there will be a fee of 250.00/day. It was explained if they have viewing of the body one evening and again the next morning that would be a fee of \$500.00.
The handicap sign that is currently located in the front of the church will be removed and relocated to the side where the handicap ramp is located.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Update on the maintenance projects of the church property including: painting estimates, handrail to altar, oil and chipping and the plaster repair in the quilt room of the rectory.

16. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM Fr. Anthony closed with a prayer.

17. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Minutes taken by Anita Arentsen

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.