**ST. DAMIAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022, 7:00 PM**

**2022-23 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS**: President – Adam Fuehne, Vice President – Mech Toennies, Secretary - Denise Luitjohan

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**: Adam Fuehne, Denise Luitjohan, Kay Toennies, Mech Toennies, Shannon Sanders, Norm Horstmann, Marvin Wuebbels, Florence Jansen.

Ex-officio members: Father Steven Beatty, Deacon Kevin Templin, Virgil Jansen, Arlene Korte, Deacon Glenn Netemeyer

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**: Salvador Tehandon

**OPENING**: Deacon Glenn opened the meeting with a prayer.

**PARISH LIFE:** Full Picnic is scheduled for July 9. Gym cleaning will be on June 23rd at 6:00 PM. Picnic setup is on July 7th at 6:00PM. Flyer is being spread on Facebook. It was discussed and agreed by the Council to skip the 2nd collection at Mass on the day of the Picnic.

**FR BEATTY/ LITURGY:** Discussed how we could grow the parish and get more families back into church.

**DEACON/FAITH FORMATION REPORT:** Faith Formation books will be ordered in July.

**HISPANIC REPORT:** Sister Ellen’s position still has not been filled.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

Randy Warnecke has completed the worked needed on the roof: he replaced some shingles blown off by the wind, cleaned out the gutters, waterproofed and tuck pointed the spots where needed and he took down the cross on the southeast side of the Church. The bill for this work has not yet been submitted. The cross that was taken down will be cleaned up and put into the landscaping by the church.

A proposal was submitted by Ameren to redo the lighting around the church grounds and replacing all the old light bulbs with LED bulbs. This is a benefit provided by Ameren.

Ben Pingsterhaus has repaired the porch roof on the Parish House.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Church worked day was rained out early some of the work that was accomplished was: Cleaned tombstones, cleaned church windows and concrete around the church. Also took the 10 x 10 tents out for the picnic to count to see how many (if any) were needed. There are 5 good ones available any others needed would be handled on the day of setup and borrowed from parishioners.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Finance committee reported that the budget is looking good. There is a concern that many of the envelopes sent out are not being used, also there are only 13 families taking advantage of the ACH option for the weekly collection. Kathleen Hodges is resigning from committee, so they are looking for a volunteer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adam closed the meeting with a prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 7:00PM

**Minutes taken by Denise Luitjohan**

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