

## Minutes OLA

Parish Council Meeting May 18, 2015

Members present: Fr. Stephan, S.Chevalier, T.Dempsey, S. Maleike, J.Herschel, T.Wall, R. Drainville, J. Colon (Financial), T. Woodward (Bookkeeper), P.Ramnarine (Religious Ed.), C. Herschel (Food Pantry Coordinator)

Members missing: None

- A. Opening prayer by J. Herschel
- B. Visitors Present: A. Troy, Barbra Cinque, G.Lewis
- C. Next meeting: June 15, 2015
- D. Acceptance of April 20, 2015 minutes.
- E. Religious Ed. Report: P.Ramnarine
  - a. 14 CCD students confirmed by Bishop Dominic Lagonegro, everything went well.
  - b. Registration flyers went out for next years CCD sessions, will check what weekend it will be held.
  - c. Cleanup of office, finalized what CCD family costs were still outstanding.
  - d. J. Herschel presented before the council various Religious Ed Handbooks of Parishes in our area for review.
  - e. Fr Stephan handed out an updated 2015/2016 Religious ED Handbook for Our Lady of the Assumption church.
- F. Pastoral Assistants Report: S.Chevalier (Report submitted by Gary Texter)
- G. Finance Council Report: T. Woodward
  - a. Results from the 999 Raffle \$1595 taken in \$174 expenses, net \$1420. Tom Collins the winner graciously donated his winnings back to the church. Will compare the costs of running the raffle in future for possible savings.
  - b. Taking care of the budget to be given to the Archdiocese.
  - c. J.Colon broke down the numbers for the past 8 months still in the red. He also discussed the current status of OLA's Financial Council and where it stands to this day. Church By laws says that 5 to 8 members should make up a Financial Council, right now we have 4, with one member P. Kennedy resigning we now have 3, we are currently in talks with other parish members to become part of the Finance Council.
- H. Unfinished Business
  - a. Maintenance: T.Dempsey  
Good turnout for the May 5<sup>th</sup> cleanup and lawn maintenance. Still looking for people to help out with the mowing as the season progresses.
  - b. Summerfest: J.Herschel  
Petting zoo coming to the 2015 Summerfest. We have an Artist who volunteered for the face painting.

A donation was acquired from Kohls.

- c. NJ Trip Raffle: J. Colon  
\$700 tickets were sold will have more info by end of May beginning of June of where we stand of sold and unsold tickets.

I. Liaison Reports: No Reports

J. New Business

- a. Food Pantry Coordinator C. Herschel gave a detailed up to date report on the status of the program at OLA. In the year she has run the program, a savings of \$6,000 has been incurred. Healthier food is offered in the way of frozen over canned. Christine has formed a mutual exclusive donating partner in Hannaford Foods for our pantry, which includes fresh produce. This also means less dependency on the Hudson River Food Bank and now the need for more freezer space. To this need the Council wants to make sure that Christine has the use of another freezer but that location and fire safety concerns are adhered too.

K. Final Remarks: Fr. Stephan

Fr. Stephan wanted to emphasis the fact that many donations can be brought fourth from the parishioners easily to places that they frequent for our annual Summerfest event.

Closing Prayer by J. Herschel

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