

Minutes OLA

Parish Council Meeting December 10, 2018

Members present: Father Paul, J.Zupetz, G.Arsenault, B.Skennion, M.Hurd, S.Schudel, C.Herschel (Rel.Ed), B.Texter (Administrative Asst.) S.Osborne (Maintenance) A.Troy, (Trustee) T.Woodward (Bookkeeping)

Absent: B. Bonitz, T. Odell, S.Rufer

- A. Call to order by J.Zupetz
- B. Opening prayer by, G.Arsenault
- C. Visitors Present: Fr. Dominick
- D. Acceptance of the November 12, 2018 minutes
- E. Next meeting: January 14, 2019
- F. Pastoral Assistant's Report: J.Zupetz (Report Submitted by G.Texter)
- G. Religious Ed Report: C.Herschel (Report Submitted)
- H. Finance Report: T.Woodward (Report Submitted)
  - a. Approximately \$2,000 has been collected in support of the Carmelite Appeal. Clarification of the "liability account" and how it works. Why is O&R bill higher? Beth to analyze bills 2018/2017 – appears it may be in the portion for 'delivery of services'.
- I. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Parish Council: J.Zupetz led a brief follow-up discussion on the Constitution of the OLA Parish Council. Revisions regarding the make-up of the Council have been made. Unanimous approval: B.Skennion/first; G.Arsenault/second. (Revisions Submitted)
  - b. Maintenance: S.Osborne  
We need shovelers to assist Sam. The snowblower will be checked to see if maintenance is needed. The lock box for placement of building keys for the NYS Police and SC Sheriff's Dept. is ready to be installed. Where it will go and how will it work to be determined. Beth to report next month.
  - c. Alter Server Recruitment/Training: Still to be determined. No progress made in assessing collection of new vestments by Coordinator.
  - d. Live Nativity on 12/1/18 went very well. Great feedback; attendees from as far away as Monroe/Middletown. Tarps work great; they're now permanently installed for ease of use. Thanks for help from R.E. students, catechists and families. Need a better P.A. system for narrator/musicians. Additional seating for viewers. Fr. Paul requested that the cast remain in place for a brief time following music/narration, for quiet contemplation of the scene by those present – lengthen time in place to full half hour.
  - e. Bells & Stars: 99 children received gifts/33 families
- J. Final Remarks: Father Paul  
Advent is a time to celebrate our faith...a wonderful time. The liturgy speaks of living in a desert, watching and waiting for the birth of our Savior. It is a time we are reminded of how it all began; when we draw comfort from Mary's "yes" and all that it put into motion.

Closing Prayer: G.Arsenault

Draft Pending Parish Council approvals