

Minutes OLA  
Parish Council Meeting September 9, 2019

Members present: Fr. Paul, Bill Skennion (Chair), Bette Bonitz, Tyler Odell, Joe Marshall, Lisa Dyer, Mike Hurd, C.Zupetz (Youth Rep.), S.Osborne (Trustee/Maintenance), Maryann Paradise (Trustee), T.Woodward (Bookkeeping), Beth Texter (Parish Coordinator)

- A. Call to order by B.Skennion
- B. Opening prayer by B.Bonitz
- C. Acceptance of the August 12, 2019 minutes (Approved)
- D. Next meeting: October 14, 2019
- E. Pastoral Assistant's Report: G.Texter (Report Submitted)
- F. Religious Ed Report: C.Herschel (Report Submitted)
- G. Youth Report: C.Zupetz

We need to find ways to get more people attending church, especially as a family – most especially Religious Education families. Youth Masses are well attended. Push for that same level of attendance throughout the year.

- H. Finance Report: T.Woodward

Income from two dinner dances is reflected in the year-end financials due to them both taking place within this fiscal year. Fiscal year ended in the black – a healthy year for income. Expenses were kept moderate.

- I. Unfinished Business:

- a. Capital Improvement Projects:S.Osborne

- i) Insulation was blown into the lower level of the parish center. Unable to do so for upper level due to way in which walls are constructed – there isn't sufficient room in the walls upstairs. Job cost \$1,400. Spackling drilled holes will cost around \$200.

- ii) Sam and Joe are working to establish a timeline for repairing the parish center drainage – hopefully this fall.

- iii) Pavilion repairs to the perimeter are planned for Spring 2020. Sam is securing more bids for completion. Plan is for concrete curbing surrounding the Pavilion – getting rid of the decaying railroad ties.

- b. Maintenance: S.Osborne

Hot water heater in the Gathering Area is not functioning. It will be replaced with a 'point of us' heating unit.

Ted Wall murphy-oiled the pews in the Church; repaired any that needed gluing.

Work is needed in the Meditation Garden. The garden sections directly in the front of the Parish Center will be reworked so that growth is not blocking the windows.

The window behind where the Ushers sit in the Church will be removed. A mural is planned for that wall.

- J. New Business:

- a. Fr. Anthony recommended we install a "Reserved for Clergy" parking sign on at least one of the spots by the Church to ensure the Priest has a place to park when the lot gets crowded, i.e. during a funeral.

- b. Placement of the Announcements at the end of Mass was discussed – we have been doing them in an inappropriate place. B.Texter will let

Lectors know of the new order for things: meditation hymn, brief silence, post-communion prayer, THEN announcements.

- c. Ushers need to move people to the front for communion more quickly to avoid the priest standing there waiting. As soon as the priest begins serving the ministers, ushers should start people coming forward. B.Cinque will let the ushers know.
- d. Discussion regarding whether or not to move daily Mass back to the chapel. Decision to allow it to remain in the Church now that we have a much more efficient heating source.
- e. A new thermostat (like the ones in the Parish Center) will be installed in the Church; programmed for heating season to include days of Daily Mass. Oscillating fans are to be used throughout the warm months; turned off during the Homily only.
- f. B.Texter revisited Council members being liaisons with ministries/organizations using the parish center, as had been done some years ago. Agreed that it should reoccur. B.Cinque will call coordinators for Greeters, Lectors, Ushers. L.Dyer will handle Eucharistic Ministers; T.Odell will handle Altar Servers. B.Bonitz, music; C.Herschel, Religious Ed; G.Texter, Parochial Assistant; Sam will ask T.Dempsey to continue with liaison with Alcoholics Anonymous; S.Osborne will handle Food Pantry; B.Skennion will handle Knights of Columbus. Reports to be made a future meetings when need requires.

K. Final Remarks: Father Paul

Discussion of amount of sitting and standing throughout the Mass; difficulty of certain parishioners to fulfill this. Parishioners should be made to feel comfortable to remain seated if they need to do so. Affirmation that OLA is a vibrant, forward-thinking Parish and needs to continue to work toward positive outcomes.

Closing Prayer: B.Bonitz

Draft Pending Parish Council Approval