

Minutes OLA

Parish Council Meeting, November 11, 2019

Members present: B. Skennion, T. Wall, B. Bonitz, B. Texter (Parish Coordinator) L. Dyer, C. Herschel (Rel. Ed), S. Osborne (Trustee, Maintenance), T. Woodward (Book Keeping), C. Zupetz (Youth Rep.), M. Paradise (Trustee), T. Odell

Missing: Father Paul, J. Marshall, and M. Hurd.

- A. Call to order by B. Skennion
- B. Opening prayer by, T. Wall
- C. Visitors Present: A. Troy, B. Cinque, G. Arsenault.
- D. Acceptance of the October 14, 2019 minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: December 4, 2019
- F. Pastoral Assistants Report: B. Skennion (Report Submitted by G. Texter)
- G. Religious Ed Report: C. Herschel (Report Submitted)
- H. Finance Report: T. Woodward  
Report finds our church finances in good standing.
- I. Youth Member Report: C. Zupetz  
Ninth graders made their Confirmation this past weekend, Corey himself and the rest of the newly confirmed students wanted to thank all those who helped make this a special occasion for them especially Mrs. Herschel.
- J. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Bequest Expenditures: B. Texter  
With the last amount of money remaining in the Garbarini Family Bequest Liturgical purchases were made towards vesture confirmation robes and to be purchased in the near future new altar server robes and new priest lighter weight vestments. The parish council is so grateful for the initial Garbarini Bequest and how far the money has gone into helping with the churches needs. A church issue that was brought up was the candle holders need to be refurbished. This issue will be addressed.
  - b. Maintenance: S. Osborne  
General maintenance work was performed. M. McNiff did the Leaf Cleaning again this fall year.
  - c. Parish Council Liaisons: Updates and a organized list to be followed up.  
B. Bonitz (Choir) Noted that the OLA choir sang at Father Raymond's Funeral Mass.
  - d. Thanksgiving Baskets Outreach Ministry: B. Texter  
The gap closed up significantly on the needed 20 something baskets for the Thanksgiving Basket Outreach Committee.
  - e. Live Nativity: A. Troy  
Things are progressing; Have to fill a character position.
- K. New Business: B. Texter
  - a. Advent and Christmas Schedule will be inserted in the bulletin with noted dates this year.
  - b. Bells & Stars will be run again by A. Minerly.
- L. Final Words: Father Paul (Submitted)  
Dear Fellow Workers in the Vineyard,

I am sorry to say that I will not be attending the Parish Council meeting this evening due to another engagement. I do support the great work that you are planning to do in setting up once again the Live Nativity, that will last at least for a half-hour at each session, I hope, and the Bells and Stars program that makes such a good outreach to the people of our community. I am constantly being amazed at the dedication and zeal that the parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption Church have for their parish and their community. So often church work leads to petty conflicts and fights over domains. This, I do not see at all at OLA. I see instead a common desire to build up the parish and make it truly a place where the Gospel is not only preached, but acted on.

Prayerfully yours,  
Father Paul

Closing Prayer: T.Wall

Draft Pending Parish Council Approval