Minutes OLA Parish Council Meeting, December 4, 2019

Members present: Father Paul, B.Skennion, T.Wall, B.Bonitz, B.Texter (Parish Coordinator) L.Dyer, C.Herschel (Rel.Ed), S.Osborne (Trustee, Maintenance), , C.Zupetz (Youth Rep.), B.Ernst, J.Colon (Finance) ,M.Paradise (Trustee), J.Marshall, M.Hurd

Missing: T.Odell

- A. Call to order by B.Skennion
- B. Opening prayer by, C.Zupetz
- C. Visitors Present: A.Troy, C.Bonitz
- D. Acceptance of the November 11, 2019 minutes (Approved, Spelling corrections to be made)
- E. Next meeting: January 13, 2020
- F. Religious Ed Report: C.Herschel (Report Submitted)
- G. Youth Member Report: C.Zupetz On behalf of all the youths of OLA we wish everyone a Merry Christmasand a Happy New Year.
- H. Finance Report: B.Texter (Report Submitted T.Woodward) Finances are in good order. One of our immediate concerns is maturing CD's. We will combine some in a flexible account based on our Finance Councils advise.
- I. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Maintenance: S.Osborne

General maintenance work was performed. Snow Removal by Joe B. Roe has begun due to the recent storm, he also shoveled which was a big help.

Eileen Carson has recently retired as our OLA cleaning Lady and the Council would like to thank her for her services.

- c. Parish Council Liaisons: B.Bonitz
 Keep former Choir member A.Willard in your prayers as she was involved in an Auto accident.
 We're recruiting youths for the live Nativity.
 At The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lessons in Carols will be performed Dec.
 17th @6:45pm
- d. Thanksgiving Baskets Outreach Ministry: B.Texter We distributed 40 baskets, and took in \$1400 in donations, we would also like to thank the Mamakating Knights of Columbus for their donation of \$100 for this ministry. \$600 in Shop Rite Gift cards will be used to support Helping Hands as we're currently providing from 5 to 8 families in need a week.
- e. Bells and Stars Update: B.Texter
 - Things are going well so far for A.Minerly running this event.
- f. Live Nativity Update: A.Troy Everything is good to go, all characters in place.
- J. New Business: F.Paul
 - a. After discussing with F.Anthony Confessions held every Saturday from 4-5pm have become unproductive. A discussion among the council members and F.Paul decided Confession will be held at OLA every 3rd Saturday of the month and also by appointment if needed.
 - b. B.Ernst would like to reinstate a monthly prayer for our service members once a month starting the cycle the first of the month.
- K. Final Remarks: F.Paul

I would like to wish all the families at OLA a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Closing Prayer: C. Zupetz

Draft Pending Council Approval