

## Minutes OLA

Parish Council Meeting October 11,2021

Members present: Fr. Paul, T, Wall (chairman), S. Osborne (chairman, trustee, maintenance), B. Texter (parish coordinator), T. Woodward (bookkeeper), C. Herschel (religious education), B. Ernst (finance), B. Bonitz, B. Auer, A.M. Troy

- A. Call to order by T. Wall
- B. Opening prayer by B. Bonitz
- C. Visitors present: J. Herschel
- D. Acceptance of the September 13,2021 minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: Monday, November 8,2021
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: B. Texter (report submitted by G. Texter) Refresher  
Training for Eucharistic/Lector ministries was a success. 18 participated. 3 new eucharistic ministers have been added to the list. On Saturday November 13, a Communal Celebration, Anointing of the Sick will be held at OLA. Sr. Margaret Ellen will give an inspiring talk followed by the anointing of the sick by Fr. Paul. A light lunch will follow in the parish center.
- G. Religious Ed. Repot: C. Herschel (report submitted) Good start!  
T.&C. Wall volunteered to take temperatures of the students before they entered the building. This will continue. First fire drill & Safe Environment Program was completed Tuesday Oct. 5,2021. 41 students are enrolled as to date. In the beginning of October a celebration of Baptism for a level 5 student was held during the Sunday Mass. Mrs. Herschel is working with a fourteen year old so she can receive First Holy Communion, Penance and Confirmation in the spring. Level 8 Confirmation will be Friday April 29,2022 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Middletown. This change was requested by the Bishop due to his scheduling calendar.
- H. Youth Member report: N/A – C. Herschel has a few students in mind for this position, possibly having 2 serve at the same time.
- I. Finance report: T. Woodward (report submitted)  
At the currant time we're doing well in respect to finances. It was suggested that we look into the dollar amount that we are covered under our Property & General Insurance Policies. B. Texter will investigate the policies that the Archdiocese has for our buildings.
- J. Maintenance: S. Osborne  
A big Thank You to Blue Sky workers for maintaining the mowing this summer. Will call Mr. McNiff to come with his leaf blower in a few weeks. Still getting estimates for the Parish Center upstairs flooring.  
A big Thank You to Tom Dempsey Jr. for bringing his "lift" to fix the P.C. corner soffit. While up there the crew secured the wiring for the cameras that was just lying on the soffit.
- K. Unfinished Business:  
S. Osborne stepped up to co-chair the parish council. A.M. Troy volunteered to be recording secretary. B. Texter will inquire with the T. of Mamakating and the Village of Bloomingburg about the 2 chairs attached to traffic signs along High Street.
- L. New Business: T. Wall suggested that since we are starting a new fiscal year we introduce the trustees, parish council and finance committee to the parish. It was decided that a poster with photos will suffice. C. Herschel has 2-3 students showing interest in becoming altar servers. T. Wall will co-ordinate with her and the students for training.
- M. Closing Remarks: Fr. Paul described his ordination in Troy N.Y. 1980

Closing Prayer: B. Bonitz

Special cake & coffee served to celebrate Fr. Paul's 41 years of priesthood

Draft pending Parish Council approval

Submitted by: A.M. Troy