

Minutes OLA

Parish Council Meeting December 13, 2021

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

- A. Call to order by T. Wall
- B. Opening prayer by B. Auer
- C. Visitors present: J. Herschel, M. Donnelly, B. Cinque, T. Osborne, C. Bonitz
- D. Acceptance of the November 8, 2021, minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: Monday, January 10, 2022
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: B. Texter (report submitted by G. Texter)
 - a. 40 parishioners participated in the Communal Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick. Good feedback from all and possibly having it annually. Thank you to all who helped make it a successful event.
 - b. Warming Station will open 11/21/2021 at a new location on Mulberry Street.
- G. Religious Ed. Repot: C. Herschel (report submitted)
- H. Youth Member report: N/A
- I. Finance report: B. Texter (report submitted)
 - a. OLA is managing to stay within the budget despite the lost of numerous parishioners (for various reasons) 5/6 families are still not physically back at Mass but continue to send in their donation.
 - b. Finance Council decided at the 12/12/2021 meeting to open a separate bank account for the percentage taken from the weekly donations. (Capital Improvements Fund) Currently it is just e-marked in the general fund.
 - c. Renew/Rebuild - 3 more disbursements due from the Archdiocese. The pledge giving time ends in May.
 - d. The Finance Council approved the replacement of carpet with tile in the top level of the Parish Center at the cost of \$9100.00. Work will be done during the February school winter break.
- J. Maintenance: S. Osborne
 - a. Keeping up with weekly duties
 - b. 2nd rail to be installed on steps inside Church
 - c. Joe B. contacted for upcoming plow season
- K. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Covid 19 Protocols – NYS mandate everyone to wear masks indoors (office, church, store, etc.) Lectors can take mask off when reading.
 - b. Christmas & New Years weekend Mass schedule will be posted in bulletin, on line and on sign in upper parking lot
- L. New Business
 - a. OLA received \$90. from Hannaford Shopping Bag fundraiser
 - b. Recently because OLA honored 3 funerals in a short period of time two ideas have surfaced.
 - 1st- setting up a Funeral Committee – responsible to oversee all aspects during a funeral.
 - 2nd- better communication within the parish via email or text.
- M. Closing Remarks: Merry Christmas

Closing Prayer: B. Auer

Light refreshments to follow

Draft pending Parish Council approval

Submitted by: A.M. Troy