

Minutes OLA

Parish Council Meeting February, 2022

Members present: Fr. Paul, T. Wall (chairman), S. Osborne (co-chairman, trustee, maintenance), B. Texter (parish coordinator), T. Woodward (bookkeeper), B. Bonitz, A.M. Troy

- A. Call to order by T. Wall
- B. Opening prayer by B. Texter
- C. Visitors present: B. Cinque, T. Dempsey
- D. Acceptance of the December 13, 2021, minutes (Approved) No January minutes due to bad weather.
- E. Next meeting: Monday, March 14, 2022
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter
 - a. The idea of a Bereavement Support Group was first brought up in 2021 by Ted, because of frequent funerals at OLA. Due to previous commitments Gary was not able to address this issue until late 2021. After locating a binder in the library at OLA pertaining to this subject Gary and Bridget A. agreed to reach out to the family members of the recent deceased, seeking out any interest in joining a bereavement group. The Archdiocese also has a support program that OLA can tap into online.
- G. Religious Ed. Report: submitted by C. Herschel
 - a. January report - classes resumed Tuesday 1/4/2022. The children entered the building following the guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese and CDC. Gift Shop made a sale of \$9.00. One payment came in for registration. Level 3 & 8 are preparing for their sacraments.
 - b. February report - Religious Ed. Program will continue in person until PBCSD decides to go virtual due to the pandemic. No classes on Tuesday 2/22/2022 due to the floor renovation in the P. Center.
- H. Finance report: T. Woodward
 - a. Money collected for Helping Hands for the month was given to the local family that had a fire in their home. H.H. pantry services 15-20 families per month.
 - b. To date OLA has not received a bill for snow removal.
 - c. Parish Center and the Church received an oil fill up totaling \$3185.88. Each building has 2 – 275-gallon tanks. Price of oil has increased.
 - d. To date OLA has reached 19% of The Cardinals Appeal goal.
 - e. In January OLA received \$4000.00 from The Archdiocese for the Renew/Rebuild account.
- I. Maintenance: S. Osborne
 - a. Keeping up with weekly maintenance
 - b. 2nd rail was installed on steps in Church
 - c. Furniture will be removed from the upper-level classrooms and the office for the appending new floor installation. Religious Ed. will resume Tuesday 3/1/2022
- J. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Beth is pursuing other companies for the air purification system in the church. Al Bruni is not taking new customers.
 - b. Gifts can be taken to the altar at Offertory. The ushers will coordinate with mass intention families to bring up the gifts. Envelope collection by ushers is suspended till further notice. The giving box will remain in the gathering area.
- L. New Business:
 - a. Beth compiled a list of funeral protocols. The list is in place in case of an emergency. It is more efficient if one person coordinates all the different facets of a funeral.
 - b. Fr. Paul presented to the council the Synod 2021-2023. This is a preparatory document handed down ultimately from the Pope. The Orange County Deanery will meet 3/12/2022 at St. Joseph Church, Middletown. Two members from the council volunteered to attend the deanery as facilitators and 2 volunteered as participants. Beth will reach out to a few more parishioners.

Closing Prayer: B. Texter

Draft pending Parish Council approval

Submitted by: A.M. Troy