

Minutes OLA

Parish Council Meeting May 2022

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

- A. Call to order by T. Wall
 - B. Opening prayer
 - C. Visitors present: T. Dempsey, G. Lewis, B. Cinque
 - D. Acceptance of the March 14, 2022 minutes (Approved) No April minutes due to schedule conflict
 - E. Next meeting: Monday, June 13, 2022
 - F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter
 - a. Bereavement Support Group – The first of seven scheduled gathering was held May 4, 2022. Thirteen O.L.A. parishioners, one from St. Paul's, and a woman who knows M. Paradise participated in the group. Many commented they are grateful for the group and look forward to upcoming sessions.
 - b. Operation Archangel / Safety Committee – Having the Sheriff Deputy's car present on our campus during Sunday's Mass 5/8 was reassuring in light of the pending Supreme Court decision. Future plans are to meet with law enforcement and the OLA safety committee.
 - G. Religious Ed. Report: submitted by C. Herschel
 - a. April report – Fr. Paul celebrated the Sacrament of First Penance with the level 3 children on April 2. On April 9, the First Holy Communion students participated in a Retreat which included a tour of our church. A Thank you was expressed to Mrs. E. DiMartino for preparing the students this year. No class on April 12, due to Easter break. April 19, there will be a 2nd fire drill for the year. Payment for the 2021/2022 registration year has been collected from a family. Registration forms have been disbursed to parents for the 2022/2023 year.
 - b. May report - The Sacrament of Confirmation was held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Middletown on 4/29. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion was held at OLA on 5/1. A Thank you to all that made the day special for the children. Payment for the 2021/2022 registration year, and a few registrations for 2022/2023 year has been collected. Classes ended 5/3 with a catechesis on St. Therese of Lisieux and ice cream.
 - c. Gabriel has stepped up as an altar server.
 - d. A big Thank you to Chris Herschel for a great year as Spiritual Director to the children of OLA.
 - H. Finance report: T. Woodward
 - a. Finances are in good shape for the month of April.
 - b. Working on next years budget. The budget is due to the Archdiocese office May 31, 2022
 - c. Discussion about the increase price of fuel (oil and gas).
 - I. Maintenance: S. Osborne
 - a. Keeping up with ongoing maintenance.
 - b. Meditation Garden needs volunteers to weed. Discussion about kids playing in meditation garden and putting up a fence. That would not deter the problem. We have signs up to cover OLA from any liability.
 - J. Unfinished Business:
 - a. A new Summerfest theme will be determined at Summerfest meeting 5/19
 - b. Renegade Game – Friday (9/2/2022) 50 tickets only @\$25.00 for OLA parishioners, \$47.00 non parishioners
 - K. New Business:
 - a. Finance Committee meeting – Monday 5/23
 - b. Gutter Guards – Proposed/Passed – D. M. Ring Roof & Contracting will contract the job at \$3600.00. They will seal the seams and install the leaf guards. This project will be paid from the Renew & rebuild account.
 - c. Beth will look into Renegades tickets for the parish for this year. Limit 50 tickets
 - d. Mothers' Day breakfast served 75 meals. Thank you to all who helped.
 - e. Garden in front of Parish Center – RR ties were replaced. New perennial flowers and bulbs will be planted there. A railing on both sides of walkway connecting lower and upper levels will be installed after Summerfest.
 - f. Planting a seed of thought – Ted would like to explore a new ministry – Ministry of the Arts. He asked for Prayers of Gods Guidance. More info will come forth as the ministry develops.
- Closing Remarks: Father Paul is amazed at the energy at OLA – the Spirit is alive here.
- Closing Prayer: