

Minutes OLA Parish Council Meeting, November 14, 2022

Members present: Fr. Paul D, Fr. Paul R, S. Osborne (chairman, maintenance), B. Texter (parish coordinator), T. Woodward (bookkeeper), B. Ernst (finance chair), L. Dyer, J. Ciezlewicz, A.M. Troy

- A. Call to order by S. Osborne
- B. Opening prayer
- C. Visitors present: B. Cinque, A. Cross, T. Dempsey, F. Dempsey, J. Drumm
- D. Acceptance of the October 10, 2022, minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: Monday, December 12, 2022
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter:
 - a. Bereavement Support Group – At the 10/12/2022 reunion the group shared their journey since the last session. The group also viewed an invitation to join a one time Zoom on 11/7/2022, titled “Finding Hope for the Holidays”. The program is sponsored from the Archdioceses Family Life Office, designed for those who are grieving. The fall BSG is underway with two participates. Alice Cross has joined Bridget & Gary and has proven to be an asset to the team.
 - b. Operation Archangel/Safety Committee – S.C. law enforcement will meet with committee Wednesday 11/16/2022 to go over the grounds and buildings.
 - c. Ecumenical/Interfaith Outreach- The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council’s warming station for the homeless will open its doors Sunday 11/20/2022.
- G. Religious Ed. Report: submitted by C. Herschel:
 - a. The parents of level 8, Confirmation Class met on 10/27/2022. The six children in the class will be confirmed Friday 4/28/2023, at OLMC Church, Middletown.
 - b. The first lock down drill was held on 11/1/2022.
 - c. All enjoyed themselves at the Family Catechesis. Thank you to Fr. Pablo and Ted Wall who presented the history of the Carmelites and the Martyred Nuns of Compiegne’. Thank you to the K of C and to Rocco Gallo for his culinary expertise. Thank you to Tyler Odell for the meditation song at the youth mass 11/12/2022.
 - d. The religious ed. children will decorate the Thanksgiving boxes and making cards for the pantry clients. Level 6,7&8 children will help box the food items and deliver the boxes to the client’s cars
- H. Finance report: T. Woodward:
 - a. Not many expenses this month.
 - b. Will investigate locking the price of fuel for the 2023/2024 year as we approach August/ September 2023.
- I. Maintenance: S. Osborne:
 - a. Routine upkeep and maintenance on the campus buildings.
 - b. Thank you to Mike McNiff for the mulching of the leaves with the mower.
- J. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Basement kitchen- the renovation is complete. Thank you for the parishioner’s donations, time & talent. The cost of the project came in much less under budgeted.
 - b. Church bell toller- After an inspection of the bell toller, 3 of the 4 bolts holding the “solenoid” are broken. They need to be replaced as well as the fuse. Sam will be able to do the work. The invoice was billed only \$350.
 - c. Pavilion tables- The picnic tables will be repaired and stained/painted in the spring.
- K. New Business:
 - a. Christmas Eve Mass- to date only two children have signed up to participate in the Pageant, at the 5:30 mass. The board decided to have the 5:30 Christmas Eve Mass and the 9:30 Christmas Day Mass.
 - b. HV Renegades 2023- Beth will secure 50 tickets for either 8/11/2023 or 7/21/2023. Parishioners will pay \$42. And OLA will pick up the remaining \$25.
 - c. Fire/Burglar Alarms- After an inspection from the BFD it was determined that our system has a delay in setting the alarm. Currently the fire and security alarms are on one phone line. This needs to be changed to separate lines. The Wi-Fi also needs to be updated. Fr. Paul will research what OLMC Church campus uses. Lisa Dyer will research PNN.
 - d. Summerfest 2023- this topic will be presented to the parish after the new year.

Closing Remarks: Father Paul – Keep in mind – Our purpose is to live the mission of Jesus Christ. What we do here is for the benefit of the parish. This is a Holy Place.

Closing Prayer: