

Members present: Fr. Paul D, S. Osborne (chairman, maintenance), B. Texter (parish coordinator), T. Woodward (bookkeeper), C. Herschel (religious ed.) S. Chevalier (trustee), B. Auer, L. Dyer, J. Ciezlewicz, A.M. Troy

- A. Call to order by S. Osborne (7:03pm)
- B. Opening prayer
- C. Visitors present: T. Dempsey
- D. Acceptance of the January 9 minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: Monday, March 13, 2022
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter:
  - a. Bereavement Support Group- Alice Cross has officially joined Bridget and Gary as a facilitator, completing two zoom sessions.
  - b. Lay Liturgical Ministers- more liturgical ministers are needed. A ministry fair is planned for 6/3-6/4/2023. Each ministry of the church will have a representative to recruit and answer any questions.
- G. Religious Ed. Report: C. Herschel:
  - a. Thank you to Fr. Paul D. and Bette Bonitz for a prayerful youth mass 2/12/2023. Thank you to Ted Wall for the Visio Divina Project displayed at the Altar.
  - b. This week the children will be learning about St. Valentine and Ash Wednesday.
  - c. Mite boxes will be sent home with the children.
  - d. Letters were sent out to the parents informing them of all the dates and times of Lenten Season.
  - e. Discussion about the Religious Ed. students attending Sunday Mass. An incentive program will be initiated for the 2023-2024 school year.
- H. Finance report: T. Woodward:
  - a. All short-term CDs will be moved into Treasury Bond accounts. Fr. Paul D. will set this up Wednesday 2/15/2023.
  - b. Our numbers are not what they should be compared to the past. Attendance and income are dropping.
- I. Maintenance: S. Osborne:
  - a. Fortunately snow removal has been minimal.
  - b. Catholic Mutual inspection report came back with minor infractions which Sam was able to correct quickly.
- c. Sam believes the water stain in the church building (on the driveway side) is from ice buildup on the roof.  
He  
will keep an eye on this during the winter.
- d. The NAS tech fixed the control panel in the church. The Parish Center security system needs to be updated. Cost proposals will be presented at the March meeting.
- J. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Summerfest- after 45 years and countless volunteer hours the Annual Summerfest fundraiser was laid to rest.
- K. New Business:
  - a. The Zupetz Family is still will to work a chicken bbq fundraiser.
  - b. Raffle tickets for the lottery tree/frame will be sold the OLA masses and Wurtsboro Founders Day in July. Other fundraising dinners/events will be discussed in the future.

Closing Remarks: Father Paul – commented that he is concerned that the parish is “aging”. We need to welcome the younger families to get involved in the church activities. Welcome the younger/new people when you see them at mass. He appreciates all that attend are dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

Closing Prayer: (7:55pm)