

Minutes OLA Parish Council Meeting, January, 2023

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

A. Call to order by S. Osborne (7:00)

B. Opening prayer

C. Visitors present: B. Cinque, T. Dempsey, T. Wall, J. Agueros

D. Acceptance of the December 12, 2022, minutes (Approved)

E. Next meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023

F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter: a. The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council warming station for the homeless is open nightly. Volunteers are still needed to bring meals and/or overnight supervision. Gary will meet with interested volunteers.

b. After a meeting with Fr. Paul D. Gary will have a report on future programs to benefit O.L.A.

G. Religious Ed. Report: submitted by C. Herschel: a. The Youth Mass was held Sunday 1/8/2023 with a visit from the Three Kings bringing gifts to the creche. Thank you to Fr. Paul D. and B. Bonitz. The next youth Mass will be Sunday 2/12/2023. b. C. Herschel will attend the Regional Meeting with Sister Kevin John on 1/12/23.

H. Finance report: T. Woodward: a. The office is up to date with incoming bills.

b. The Renew & Rebuild income & spending report 2017-2022 will be in the next church bulletin for parishioners to view.

I. Maintenance: S. Osborne: a. Keeping up with general maintenance.

J. Unfinished Business: a. O.L.A. reached the 2022 Cardinals Appeal goal. The same amount has been assessed for the 2023 year by the Archdioceses. b. The Ministry Liaisons have been assigned.

c. We have only two youth altar servers on the schedule to date. Thank you to Stefan C. and Ted W. for stepping in when needed. d. Project Archangel/Safety -the cost to replace/ update the current security system is costly. Beth will price the cost to replace the pull boxes in both buildings. It was suggested to use the Renew & Rebuild money for this purpose. Nothing was decided.

K. New Business: a. O.L.A. will have a table at the Wurtsboro Founders Day 7/8/2023, selling tickets for the lottery tree/frame and assorted desserts.

b. Summerfest 2023 – Beth will put together a bulletin insert in search of new chair people for the various committees. c. Borrowing supplies/equipment from the parish center seems to be a problem. Sam O. will maintain the sign out book. It was suggested that a monetary deposit for the take-out be enforced to insure a timely return.

d. O.L.A. will purchase 4 new Ciborium's of good quality. e. Carl Angelo Hippolyte is interested in serving as a youth representative. Transportation to & from may be an issue.

f. Arts Ministry – The prayer map is on display in the church for anyone to add a location. The Film & Food night on 12/3/2022 was a success and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Ted and Rocco for delicious pizzas. The Xavier Co. will perform at O.L.A. 3/5/2023. Visio Divina has been set up in the niche in the church vestibule. This is a method of praying with scripture, images, or other media.

Closing Remarks: Father Paul – Keep up the good work.

Closing Prayer: (8:10)