

## Minutes OLA Parish Council Meeting, March 20, 2023

Members present: S. Osborne (chairman, maintenance), B. Texter (parish coordinator), T. Woodward (bookkeeper), C. Herschel (religious ed.) B. Auer, L. Dyer, J. Ciezlewicz

Excused: Fr. Paul Denault, O.Carm., Stefan Chevalier, Bob Ernst, AnnMarie Troy, MaryAnn Paradise

- A. Call to order by S. Osborne (7:04pm)
  - B. Opening prayer
  - C. Visitors present: B. Cinque, T. Dempsey, J. Herschel, T. Osborne
  - D. Acceptance of the February 13, 2023 minutes (Verbally Approved – NO Quorum Present for Vote)
  - E. Next meeting: Monday, April 17, 2022
  - F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter:
    - a. Stations of the Cross – Having different people serve as cross & candle bearers each session; attendance climbing weekly (9, then 12, then 17).
    - b. Bereavement: B. Auer, A. Cross & G. Texter will be scheduling a get-together of both Bereavement Groups that met within the last year, for the purpose of a check-in and to determine how things are going;
    - b. Lay Liturgical Ministers – A Ministry Fair is being planned for the weekend of June 3 & 4 after Mass in the Parish Center lower level. Each ministry will have an opportunity to speak to the parishioners after Mass during the weeks before. More liturgical ministers are needed. A Ministry Fair is planned for 6/3-6/4/2023. Ecumenical/Interfaith Outreach: The GMIC Council's Warming Station is hosting a dinner Tuesday, April 11 at 5:00 PM for all who volunteered or helped in any way during the past season. Call Marilyn at 845-346-6110 if you're interested in attending.
  - G. Religious Ed. Report: C. Herschel:
    - a. Several children volunteered to help serve the dinner following the Xavier Group's Passion Play on 3/5. On 3/14 the students learned about St. Patrick and St. Joseph.
    - b. On 3/18 Level 3 students, along with students from levels 5 & 6 will be participating in their First Reconciliation. The families will enjoy Brunch in the parish center afterward.
    - c. Mite boxes will be sent home with the children during Lent;
    - d. Letters were sent out to the parents informing them of all the dates and times of Lenten Season.
    - e. On 3/22 the children will participate in their 2<sup>nd</sup> lock-down drill with Mike Perry; on 3/25 the Level 8 children will be participating in the Confirmation Retreat that is being hosted by OLMC.;
    - f. Only one snow day has been used to date.
  - H. Finance Report: T. Woodward:
    - a. All short-term CDs have been closed out and \$88,000 has gone to Wells Fargo for the purchase of Treasury Bonds at 4+% interest. \$44,000 has been spent on one purchase that matures in 90 days; a second \$44,000 will be spent 30 days later with maturity on 6/15/23.
    - b. We are running tight but are current. Income is down but we are managing.
    - C. The 6-month budget review will be taking place in the near future (September 2022 – February 2023).
  - I. Maintenance: S. Osborne:
    - a. The fire pull boxes were inspected and minor corrections made to a couple of them. Sam is waiting for an amended proposal for changing/updating the System in the parish center only, as the Church has a newer system that's working fine right now.
    - b. The water leak over the stained glass window seems to have taken care of itself. Sam & Ted will keep an eye on it.
  - J. Unfinished Business - Ministry Liaisons –
    - b. One update: Fr. Paul has given permission for a Ladies' Group to form. B. Auer will be responsible for getting it off the ground. She provided B. Texter with verbiage for a formation certificate to which the 'founding ladies' will be able to add their signature. This group will also serve as a fund-raising arm of the Church;
    - c. Cluster email & texts: B. Texter has found a program through the Archdiocese (Flocknotes) that will work for sending out cluster email and text communications to parishioners without releasing any contact information for other than the recipient of that particular communiqué. She will be ready to use it within the next couple of weeks.
- Fundraising: The chicken barbecue is still being planned for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Details on that and

other potential fundraisers to follow at the April meeting.

K. New Business: a. New Church signage – J. Herschel presented ideas regarding new signage. Discussion of placing it down on the corner where existing signage sits or on the opposite corner is cost-prohibitive because of needing O&R to bring electric to the site for illumination. Discussion of placing it up by the Church, either in front or where existing sign is. Leave it where it currently is, illuminate the site, and have a new sign made that's more durable and with changeable lettering (2-sided viewing) seemed to be the consensus. Joe will get a proposal on having the project completed.

L. Closing Remarks: Fr. Paul was unable to be at the meeting, so no closing remarks.

M. Closing Prayer: (8:02pm)

Pending Approval

Submitted by B. Texter, 3/22/23