

Minutes OLA Parish Council Meeting, April 10, 2023

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

- A. Call to order by S. Osborne (7:00pm)
- B. Opening prayer
- C. Visitors present: T. Dempsey, M. Barnett, J. Herschel
- D. Acceptance of the March 20, 2023, minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter:
 - a. Bereavement Support Group- Another reunion is in the planning stages. The invitation will also be extended to anyone that has experienced a recent loss.
 - b. Lay Liturgical Ministers- A liturgical ministry fair is on the calendar for 6/3-6/4/2023. A coordinator from each ministry will give a short talk after mass for the next few weeks leading up to the fair.
 - c. Triduum and Easter – It seemed that more people attended all the services during this time, new faces as well.
 - d. Ecumenical/Interfaith Outreach – The warming station is about to close until reopening in November. The G.M.I.C. Warming Station for the Homeless is hosting a dinner for all volunteers who helped in any capacity during the 2022-2023 winter months. The dinner will be on Tuesday 4/11 at 5pm in St. Paul’s United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- G. Religious Ed. Report: C. Herschel:
 - a. Classes resume from Easter break on Tuesday 4/11.
 - b. Two children from Rel. Ed. had their feet washed during the service on Holy Thursday.
 - c. Three children received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Also, their sibling from the OLMC-RCIA Program received all three sacraments as well at the Easter Vigil. Thank you to Fr. Paul R. for a beautiful Mass.
 - d. The First Holy Communion children will attend a retreat at OLA on Saturday 4/15. Fr. Paul R. will give the children a tour of the church. They will paint their communion cups and learn more about this sacrament. First Holy Communion will be 5/7 at the 9:30 Mass.
 - e. Confirmation will be held at OLMCC on Friday 4/28 at 4:30pm.
 - f. The second fire drill for the year is 4/18.
 - g. Registration for the 2023/2024 year has been handed out.
 - h. The last day of Rel. Ed. for the 2022/2023 year is 5/16.
- H. Finance report: T. Woodward:
 - a. All is stable. We are staying within the budget. The final snow removal bill has not been received to date.
 - b. Discussion about what to do with R and R money. This will be discussed at the next finance council meeting.
- I. Maintenance: S. Osborne:
 - a. Dean H. will be here to service the mowers.
 - b. Will look at picnic tables and benches to see what needs to be repaired.
 - c. Discussion about the tile floor in the basement and the ongoing water problem.
 - d. Estimates are coming in for painting the interior of the church. Will decide at future meeting.
- J. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Security System – the church security system is in good shape. The parish center security system needs to be updated. Quotes are coming in and will be discussed at the finance council meeting in May.
 - b. Discussion about replacing the sign between the two parking lots. Possibly replacing the existing wood frame with metal.
- K. New Business:
 - a. The new Women’s Guild received blessing from Fr. Paul D. to go forward. The first meeting Will be Wednesday 4/19 at noon at OLA. All women in the parish are welcome to attend.
 - b. The Mother’s Day Breakfast will be Sunday 5/14. The K of C will underwrite the cost and help as well as the Rel. Ed students. This is a good opportunity to gain community service hours.

Closing Remarks: Father Paul – We survived and were renewed another Easter Season.

Closing Prayer: (8:04pm)