Minutes OLA Parish Council Meeting, May 8, 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, J. Ciezlewicz, A.M. Troy

- A. Call to order by S. Osborne (7:00pm)
- B. Opening prayer
- C. Visitors present: T. Dempsey, M. Barnett, C. Pollos, B. Cinque
- D. Acceptance of the April 10, 2023, minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter: a. Bereavement Support Group- A reunion is planned, possibly in June for the two groups which met in the spring & fall 2022. If need be, another group can be started as well. b. Lay Liturgical Ministers- A liturgical ministry fair is planned for 6/3-6/4/2023 after each mass. We are hoping the younger parishioners will take more interest in these ministries to ensure our church has a healthy future.
- G. Religious Ed. Report: C. Herschel: a. Confirmation was held 4/26/2023 at O.L.M.C Church. Thank you to Fr. Paul D. and Fr. Paul R. for allowing our children to receive this sacrament with the O.L.M.C. class.
 b. On Sunday 5/7/2023 the level 3 children received First Holy Communion at the 9:30 mass. Thank you to Fr. Paul D. and Bette Bonitz for a beautiful mass. c. The last youth mass this school year will be 5/14/23. The level 2 children will be crowning Mary at the Mass. d. With the help of Ted Wall all the children in the program will be working on a Visio Divino project to be displayed in the church. The theme will be the Foundation of their Faith.
 e. The last class for this school year will be 5/16/2023. A Faith, Food, & Fun night is planned. The children will be learning about Infant Prague and will create stained glass of the Statue to take home. Fr. Paul R. will join the group for this special class. g. A few registration packets have been received. Hopefully the rest will come in over the summer. h. 3 children still need to receive the Sacrament of Penance and 2 the Sacrament of Baptism.
- H. Finance report: T. Woodward: a. Somehow, we are balancing out at the end of the month. b. Trying to balance the upcoming budget considering that the bills are going up and not enough coming in.
- I. Maintenance: S. Osborne: a. Thank you to Brian Cross for his continual help with mowing the campus. b. We contracted Green Collar Roofing from Middletown for the new church roof. They were not the least expensive but have a quality product. c. After the roof is completed Cilias Painting will paint the interior of the church. A pastel blue will be painted in the Tabernacle area. The company will patch all cracks and holes. The walls need to be stripped of all adornments.
- J. Unfinished Business: a. Fire and Security System The Parish Center Building needs to be brought up to code. After months of investigation and discussion the money is earmarked for this project. b. The sign between the two parking lots will be refurbished, not replaced. The sign on the corner of Main & High Streets will be reinvented. No timeline yet for these two projects. c. Parish Center Basement- the outside trenches along the building will be cleaned out, making sure the drainage is working. Sam will also call a locale contractor to get an estimate for a grated trench for the inside basement floor, to drain to the sump pump. All contractors for the above projects are in compliance with the NY Archdiocese. d. OLA Women's Club 16 ladies have signed up. The group will oversee the beautification and maintenance of the Marion Shrine and Right to Life Gardens. The Marion Shrine looked beautiful for First Holy Communion Sunday. Thank you to Brian Cross for all his help. A \$10. Donations were asked from the members to offset the cost of the mulch & flowers. Sam will purchase a lightweight hose. e. Mother's Day breakfast will be this Sunday.
- K. New Business: a. Security- Beth Texter is the only person authorized to give out security codes and/or keys after Fr. Paul D.'s approval.
- Closing Remarks: Father Paul Can't say enough of how wonderful all the parishioners at OLA are. Continue to do good and avoid evil.

Closing Prayer: (8:00pm)