

Minutes OLA Parish Council Meeting, June 12, 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, B. Cinque, T. Wall, J. Herschel
- D. Acceptance of the May 8, 2023, minutes (Approved)
- E. Next meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023
- F. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter:
 - a. Bereavement Support Group- A reunion is planned for Wednesday ,6/14 for groups meeting last spring and fall. We will share with the group a podcast from the bereavement series, All There Is.
 - b. Lay Liturgical Ministers- A liturgical ministry fair was held Saturday 6/3 & Sunday 6/4 after each mass. A total of 12 parishioners expressed interest in all the ministries represented. Thank you to all the ministry heads for a great presentation. A training session will be scheduled for new Eucharistic and Lector Ministers. Thank you to Beth for composing a Liturgical Ministry brochure/questionnaire to be available in the church gathering area.
- G. Religious Ed. Report: C. Herschel:
 - a. Thank you to Ted for constructing the “foundation” wall from the bricks that the students painted.
 - b. More registrations for the 2023/24 school year were dropped off the last night of classes.
 - c. On Friday 5/26 the Religious Ed. Program received a visit from the Safe Environment Team. They recommend that the catechist wear name tag lanyards. They also recommend that deadbolts be installed on the inside of each classroom. After discussion the committee thinks this violates local fire codes. Will check with B F Department.
- H. Finance report: T. Woodward:
 - a. We are paying our monthly bills.
 - b. Without 2023 Summerfest income we will struggle going forward.
 - c. A report will be given to the parish in October. The report will indicate what the monthly collections are used for and the upcoming shortfall.
- I. Maintenance: S. Osborne:
 - a. Sam will meet with Basement Solutions on 6/14 to address the basement water problems.
 - b. A boy scout and crew will be cleaning the Mediation Garden this weekend for his Eagle Scout project.
 - c. New roof for the church started today and is already ½ done.
 - d. Cillas Painters will start painting the interior of the church Tuesday 6/27 and will take 3 days.
 - e. A new fire and security system will be installed before Religious Ed. starts 9/12.
 - f. New church signage – an electrician will be called to see if the sign between the two parking lots can be refitted. A committee will research for a more prominent sign at the corner of High St.
- J. Unfinished Business:
 - a. The Women’s Guild has 24 members. On Saturday 9/30 the W. G. will sponsor Junk in the Trunk, a fund raiser for the church from 10-3.

- b. Wurtsboro Founders Day July 8 – Ted W. needs volunteers, set up at 9:30. OLA will be selling the Lottery Frame raffles and some type of food/baked goods

K. New Business:

- a. Parish Council Nominations – The new term starts in September. Mary Ann Paradise has fulfilled her term as a trustee - Thank you. Barbara Cinque will fill that position -Thank you. Two other positions on the committee need to be filled.
- b. Annual chicken bbq fund raiser will be Saturday 8/19. The Zupetz Family are on board again this year to cook this delicious dinner.

Closing Remarks: Father Paul – The love you have for this parish is amazing. This is Jesus' Parish. If he wants it to continue, he will allow it to happen. It is in his hands.

Closing Prayer: (8:22pm)