

Minutes OLA Parish Council Meeting, February 12, 2024

Members present: Fr. Paul D, Fr. Marlon, Fr. Paul R. S. Osborne (chairman, maintenance) B. Texter (parish coordinator), T. C. Herschel (rel. ed. coordinator), B. Ernst (finance chair) via phone, B. Auer, J. Ciezlewicz, S. Maleike, A.M. Troy, Excused S. Chevalier (trustee), T. Woodward (bookkeeper), B. Bonitz, R. Masiero
Call to order by S. Osborne (7:02pm)

- A. Opening prayer: B. Texter
- B. Visitors present: T. Dempsey,
- C. Acceptance of the December 11, 2023 minutes (Approved) No meeting in January
- D. Next meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024
- E. Pastoral Asst. report: submitted by G. Texter:
 - a. Adult Faith Formation – With Fr. Marlon’s guidance a Bible Study on Jonah will take place 3/13 and 3/14. Participants can choose to attend either 2pm or 7pm. A program on the Mass will be offered sometime after Easter. Check future bulletins
 - b. Bereavement Group – The team will reach out to the three parishioners who have recently lost loved ones. If the need is there, another Bereavement Program will start in May. All are welcome, check the bulletin.
 - c. Ecumenical/Interfaith Outreach – The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council Warming Station is in dire need for overnight volunteers. Please call Marilyn Pierce if interested.
- F. Religious Ed. Report: C. Herschel:
 - a. January Report – Classes resumed 1/2/2024
 - b. Thank you to Fr. Paul D, Mildred Pitt, Tyler Odell for the beautiful Pageant Mas on Christmas Eve.
 - c. February Report – The next youth mass will be Sunday 3/17. To make up snow days that were used a Family Catechesis is added to the youth mass with a Faith, Food & Fun event after the mass. The parish will be invited as well.
 - d. Till the end of the school year an extra half hour will be tacked on each Tuesday session. This will ensure the catechists to catch up on lost lessons.
 - e. First Penance for level 3 will be 3/2/2024 at 3pm.
 - f. A retreat at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be 3/9/2024 from 10am -2pm for level 8 Confirmation class.
 - g. A letter will be sent to parents regarding low mass attendance, and bills to those families who have not paid for the program registration for the 2023/2024 year.
 - h. Every Wednesday evening in May, OLA will host classes for level 1&2 catechists to get their certification.
- G. Finance report:
 - a. To date OLA has not received the revised sewer tax bill from the village offices.
- H. Maintenance:
 - a. Snow Removal – Due to a last-minute exit from the previous company Sam O. secured R&R Enterprise from Wurtsboro for the winter season. He will do more research for a better price in the summer months.
 - b. Survey of Property Parcels – will be discussed at the next finance committee meeting.

c. Security in Parish Center – tentatively scheduled for new system installation between Palm Sunday & Easter. Will be paid from the Renew& Rebuild money.

I. Unfinished Business:

a. Pantry, Bells & Stars, Thanksgiving Baskets – the core committee met with Beth T. and will be working on steam lining the list of clients for the holiday giving.

b. The movie night was a great success. The attendance and food were great. Thank you to Ted Wall and his team.

c. The Ladies Guild continue to meet. Thank you, ladies, for your successful fundraising.

J. New Business:

a. The super bowl pool sold out very quickly. All the winners were OLA parishioners.

Closing Remarks: Father Paul – He is amazed at the dedication the parishioners have to this Parish. Keep up the good work.

Closing Prayer: 7:57pm