

OLV WARDEN MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room

In attendance: Father John Braganza, Susan Lemieux, Bill Raby, Gail Preston, Theresa Ritchie, and Lyall Campbell

Absent: Nancy Lanthier, Mervin Butler

Item	Description	Action by
1	Opening Prayer: Opening prayer led by Father John	
2	Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by Bill Raby, and seconded by Theresa Ritchie	
3	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 19, 2025 as presented by Gail Preston are approved by Bill Raby, and seconded by Lyall Campbell	
4	Administration Activities: 1. Secretary's Report: Gail Preston has nothing to report for this meeting. 2. Treasurer's Report: Nancy Lanthier was absent for this meeting. Susan Lemieux reported that there is approximately \$40,000.00 in the checking account.	
5	Business Arising from Minutes. 1. Hall Rental Fees: Theresa presented the updated September 1, 2025 OLV Rental Pricing List. The reason for a rental increase is to cover the increase in utilities, Hydro, Natural Gas, and Maintenance. All in favor of the nominal increase. 2. Upcoming Rentals – NA Outaouais requested to use the church hall Nov 1, 2025 for their Halloween party. The volunteer cleaning team mentioned that the hall at the last NA party was left in total disarray. Along with candy wrappers, gum on the walkway, and liquid stains on the carpets, the children were playing on the stairs leading up into the church and on the wooden structure for the chair lift. These actions of the children WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF THEIR PARENTS are very unsafe, and someone might get hurt. After a lengthy discussion, the wardens all agreed to give this group a second chance. Theresa will strenuously mention to the leaders of the NA Outaouais that the hall must be left clean, and nothing is to be put on the walls due to the fire retardant paint. This will be their last chance to rent the church hall if the rules of the rental contract are not followed.	
6	New Business: 1. New Rental – Speaker Storage Option – The new rental group requested if there is a place where they could store their speakers. At the moment, we do not have any place to store the speakers, other than on the top of the piano which is located on the stage or in the kitchen island which is locked. Theresa will mention these options for storage of the speakers. 2. Food Bank Request: The Food Bank requested if the big open area lot on the north side of the church could be used on Sept 9, 2025 for a BBQ to celebrate their 1 st anniversary of the opening of the soup kitchen serving the needy of the community. It was mentioned that we do not want to misinterpret that this lot is to be used as a park. Is it possible to hold this event in the parking lot of the food bank? At this point, it has been decided for now to reject their request until more information is known.	

	<p>3. Fall Supper: The OLV Fall supper will be held on Oct 3, 2025 at the Buckingham Golf Club. The menu will be Greek chicken brochette/kebob on a bed of rice, Greek potatoes, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. All this for \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children 12 years and under.</p> <p>There will only be 100 tickets for sale, and they go on sale starting Sunday, September 7th until Sunday, September 28th. There will be no tickets sold at the door.</p> <p>Susan will be providing the desserts. For door prizes, Gail and Lyall will be donating 3 bottles of wine in the wine carriers.</p> <p>All wardens agreed with the menu, the price, and the venue at the golf course. As well, we will sell 50/50 tickets (3 tickets for \$5.00). Lyall will take responsibility for printing the tickets. Gail will prepare the posters for the entrance of the church, and a copy will be for posting at St. Malachy Church. The information will also be posted on the OLV website, and the "Mayo Folks" website.</p> <p>4. Insurance – Bill Raby has been in touch with the insurance broker to request the official written policy in English. Bill finally received the policy via email this morning, and will forward it to all the wardens.</p> <p>5. Father John – Father mentioned that there is a cemetery celebration coming up for St Gregoire with no time or date scheduled.</p> <p>6. Resignation of Mervin Butler - Mervin Butler dropped in prior to the start of the meeting to let us know that he has decided to retire from the OLV Warden committee. We all thanked Mervin for his many years of dedicated service as a member of the OLV Fabrique.</p>	
7	Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room	
8	Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Theresa Ritchie, and seconded by Gail Preston.	