

Mission Statement: Encounter Jesus, Serve Others.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 North Tyler Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
October 11, 2016**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Barbara Grafe, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Diane Scroggins, Brooke White, Russell Hoerman, Joan Swenson, Jeff Byers, Ben Baldwin, LuAnne Seay

Members absent: Ben France, Tamara Ketter

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made to accept the September 13, 2016 Parish Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded, voted upon and approved.

Finance & Administration:

There was no report from Finance and Administration.

Building and Grounds Committee:

There was no report from Building and Grounds.

Education and Formation Commission:

The Education and Formation Commission continue to work with Samantha Deneffe on the book, Divine Renovation by Father James Mellon. The Commission is reviewing the parts they discussed to see how some of the material can be implemented for our parish. Bible Studies are continuing at this time. There are several being offered. Last week, along with the other members of the Parish Council, Education and Formation provided dinner for the RCIA group.

Evangelization Commission:

The Evangelization Commission did not meet.

Parish Life Commission:

The pet blessing was a hit and Girl Scout Troop 6430 has requested to do it again next year. Father Tom suggested that photos of the pet, owner and priest be taken next year for parishioners. All Souls Fest is October 29 where hot dogs, chips, cookies and sodas will be served by the Boy Scouts or the Confirmation class (cooked, assembled, and serve). The movies showing are "Toy Story of Terror" and "The Goosebumps" movie. Parish Life Commission will be in doing Bingo that night and participants will need to bring white elephant gifts. A tentative date of November 19th has been set to do a Razorback watch party at the church. A suggestion was made that people attending could bring side dishes and the church provide the meat. Parish Life is in charge of the Liturgy luncheon reception on November 21st, roughly between 6 and 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Social Concerns Commission:

Chris Schaffhauser will provide a flyer from Our House requesting gently used or new Halloween costumes be donated for the children who live at Our House. This flyer will be sent home with the school children. Ileana Dobbins will send an email to all students for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. A note has been sent to Paul Mammarelli to see if the CHS Wrestling team will help make the baskets for each family and assist in delivery. The baskets will be delivered on November 19th. The school will also participate in a Christmas Food Drive. The delivery for Christmas baskets was set for December 17th. The Angel Tree project will start at 4:00pm Mass on November 27th and remain up for four weeks.

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

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New Business:

A discussion was held among members concerning the vacant lot at the corner of Tyler and J Street which Holy Souls purchased. How can this be utilized? Possibilities included constructing a parking lot. Discussion will continue about this subject at some point.

Pastoral Comments:

The wireless microphone has been replaced by digital. Father John requested that members be thinking about suggesting nominees for replacements on Parish Council (perhaps four or five). Also, he would like to see the banner come down (Year of Mercy). Lynn Bauman is retiring effective the end of April, 2017. So far, two applications have been received. Father John has started the Liturgy Committee and they have many good ideas. He also asked that the members offer suggestions to the Committee. Father John will send out a survey after the first of the year asking for feedback about possibility of times for 8 and 10 Masses. He would also like to see the altar put against the wall.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2016, Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary