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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 North Tyler Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
February 11, 2014**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Paul Mammarelli, President. The meeting opened with prayer. Paul acknowledged new Commission members: Celeste Barker (Parish Life); Barbara Grafe (Liturgy); Joan Swenson (Education). LuAnne Seay (Social Concerns) -- prior commitment and unable to attend.

Members present: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Jan Britt, Kevin Ehemann, Celeste Barker, Donna Bressinck, Barbara Grafe, Steve Hoffman, Nick Ferrara, Joan Swenson, Chad Sievers.

Members absent: LuAnne Seay, Mary Hightower.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the January 7, 2014, Parish Council meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

A summary of data from the Finance Committee was provided by Shelley Tienken, Business Manager. Paul Mammarelli, Parish Council President, read the summary as follows: "January collections exceeded budget by over \$9,000 bringing the year to date deficit to \$4,242. Expenses for the year are over budget by \$6,772. However, this figure does include the additional \$28,000 allocated the Parish Council to Social Concerns, which was not a part of the budget. Overall, we are in the black with \$23,000 more in income than expenses. February collections are currently trending to make budget."

Building and Grounds Committee:

Mary Carman reported for Building and Grounds Committee. Plans continue to renovate the chapel and projected to be completed by Pentecost.

Education and Formation Commission:

Steve Hoffman reported for Education and Formation Commission. Discussion was held as to various ways to incorporate more interest from parishioners in Rediscover Catholicism and the study guide which accompanies it. The possibility of study groups starting with this project at the beginning of Lent and proceeding though Pentecost was discussed. Steve mentioned that "timing" is of essence in initiating this project.

Liturgy Commission:

Donna Bressinck reported for the Liturgy Commission. The Mission will be held this year March 15th through 19th. A group of women who are called Apostles of the Interior Life will facilitate the Mission. Six college students will accompany the Sisters and share personal testimony to their faith formation at the Mission as well as in our school and youth groups. Father Erik commented on the possibility of Father Leo Patalinghug ("the cooking priest") leading the Mission for the Fall. (September 13th and 14th) . Father Patalinghug authored Grace Before Meals, which centers upon the importance of teaching families how to come together at the dinner table.

Parish Life Commission:

Jan Britt represented Parish Life Commission. Jan said that there was no "new news" to report.

Social Concerns Commission:

Chad Sievers and Paul Mammarelli reported for the Social Concerns Commission. Chad explained to new Parish Council members the process used to select organizations who request yearly financial assistance. Paul updated the members on the "warming centers" and how Holy Souls can help. It was suggested that

items be collected and stored. When the "warming centers" need help (example: when outside temperature hovers at zero degrees) then arrangements will be made to deliver the items to the center(s).

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Old Business:

No old business to report.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Pastoral Comments:

Father Erik discussed the "Respect Life Outreach" program. He is creating a calendar to be used to provide a more concise review of the different aspects of respecting life. One example would be educating the public to abortion issues. Father Erik also mentioned being more attentive to expectant parents, the homeless, shut-ins, prisoners, etc. and how life is represented at different stages.

Father Erik reported that the "The Blessed Mother Theresa" display will be shown in the Parish Hall after the weekend Masses for February 15th and 16th.

Guest Comments:

There were no guest comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be March 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary
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