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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Pastoral Council of  
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church  
1003 North Tyler Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205  
February 7, 2012**

The Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chris Gunderman, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Chris welcomed both incoming and outgoing members.

Both incoming and outgoing members present: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Sean Eichelmann, Mary Bea Hiegel, Sherry Nehus, Donna Bressinck, Jan Britt, Darlene Hebda, Laura Hathaway, Steve Hoffman, Robert Magri, Paul Mammarelli, Rose Nabholz, Father Dhanraj Narla, Susanne Stabnick, Paula Wellborn, Margaret Zakrzewski.

Members absent: Kenny Gunderman.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the January 3, 2012, meeting were approved.

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance & Administration:**

Chris Gunderman read a statement that was prepared from Finance and Administration (report attached). "No new financial information....January credit card statements were received February 6, 2012....still working on month end reporting. There are currently 48 families signed up for online giving. For 2012, we have received \$8,757.00 in funds donated online."

Chris also mentioned that Holy Souls reached 64% of its CASA goal for 2011.

**Building and Grounds:**

Mary Carman reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. Mary said that a company has been secured to repair the leaking concerns under the Parish Hall and work will begin in June.

**Education and Formation Commission:**

Sean Eichelmann reported that the Education and Formation Commission did not meet. However, new commission member, Steve Hoffman, said that a sub-committee of Education and Formation Commission has been formed which will address "Intellectual Life Within the Parish". A recent survey to parishioners (435 responses) revealed that there are many interests at Holy Souls. Plans are underway to fulfill the interests.

Father Erik stated that CD's are available in the church office on various subjects. The cost is \$3.00 per CD.

**Liturgy Commission:**

Rose Nabholz reported for the Liturgy Commission (both January 2, 2012 and February 7, 2012 minutes are attached). Among some of the items discussed at the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: more people attended Midnight Mass than last year; Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday nights during Lent starting at 7 p.m.; Forty Hours Devotion will be held on March 13-14 since the parish mission has been cancelled for this year. Among some of the items discussed at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting: the Hillcrest Lenten Reconciliation Services will be hosted by Holy Souls on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> with Rev. Randy Hyde preaching. Father Erik will preach on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church; Bishop Taylor has provided our church a DVD on immigration; and the Religious Freedom letter was discussed and ways in which to support this issue.

Father Erik said that the Forty Hours Devotion will primarily be focused on prayer. Everyone come together for prayer! Please look in *The Bulletin* for much more information concerning this subject.

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**Parish Life Commission:**

Sherry Nehus reported for the Parish Life Commission. The next Blood Drive will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall beginning at 8:30am. The Marriage Retreat will be February 11<sup>th</sup>. The CYM open house for the Benedict House is February 11-12. Also, an open house at the Benedict House for parishioners will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Concerns Commission:**

Darlene Hebda said that the Social Concerns Commission did not meet. However, Father Erik mentioned the grant process for incoming members and how this process involves also the entire Parish Council in approving and/or not approval those agencies that apply for grants and if approved, what percentage that agency is awarded.

**Vocations Committee:**

Robert Magri reported for the Vocations Committee (minutes attached). Robert said that among the issues discussed: Several Benedictine Sisters spoke at Holy Souls Schools during Catholic Schools Week; plans are underway to invite another speaker for CYM during the spring; the committee also intends to send a care package to the seminarian that Holy Souls has adopted. In closing, Robert mentioned that there have been some recent signups due to a sheet being placed in the vestibule of the church for parishioners to participate in the Vocations Chalice Program.

Jacob gave a report of some of the upcoming events for CYM which include: The annual BOX IN; working at Helping Hand from 9 a.m. until noon; afternoon project will be at St. Augustine Center For Children; preparing and serving dinner for Salvation Army (5 p.m.) will be Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>; CYM will be going to the Heifer's Global Village Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, April 1; planning to camp at Petit Jean on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April. The "Souper Bowl of Caring" was very successful in collecting over \$1100 to be awarded to the charity of CYM's choice. Jacob mentioned that CYM is very actively seeking to get more youth to join the CYM program. In closing, Jacob commented about the CYM Youth open house on February 12<sup>th</sup> and a promotional video added to member's facebook pages encouraging them to come see the Benedict House.

**Old Business:**

Laura Humphries, member of the Stewardship Committee, said that during the weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Stewardship packets will be available for parishioners in the vestibule of the church. The packets will be collected the following weekend.

Laura accentuated how important it is to keep our current Pastoral Plan as a "living, active, document". Any updates (deletions, changes, etc). need to be e-mailed to Laura so that she can update the changes.

**New Business:**

Chris mentioned the Diocese of Little Rock 2012 Parish Council/Finance Council Workshops that members should attend. The next workshop in Little Rock is Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, St. John Center, Little Rock, Fitzgerald Hall, Room 101. Please make plans to attend one of the workshops.

No comments were made by guests.

**Pastoral Comments:**

Father Erik thanked both outgoing and incoming Parish Council members for their dedication to the Parish Council. He invited everyone to a reception at the Benedict House following this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 6:43 p.m.

***The next Parish Council meeting will be on March 6, 2012, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall.***

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble  
Recording Secretary

attachments