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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
March 26, 2013**

The Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Laura Hathaway, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Paula Wellborn, Jan Britt, Donna Bressinck, Mary Hightower, Nick Ferrara, Kenny Gunderman, Paul Mammarelli, Chad Sievers

Members absent: Kevin Ehemann, Margaret Zakrzewski, Steve Hoffman

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

Mr. Paul Sage was present to update the Council on "40 for 40" Allen Center Roof Project. Paul's presentation, which included a handout, noted the proposed timeline and tactical checklist for the project. Among the items mentioned was the collection of activity photos for a back-of-church table display; Paul meeting with Mrs. Dobbins to discuss the possibility of a Free Dress Day. Also, during the weekend of April 13th and 14th, Paul said that he would need volunteers (both adult and school age children) to assist in handing out collection envelopes. It was suggested that the children wear their Holy Souls uniform, or scout uniform, etc. Paul will also speak at each of the masses about "40 for 40" project. He suggested that a thermometer type marker be displayed in the vestibule area to let parishioners see how the timeline is progressing. Another suggestion was to add a link to Holy Souls website. And, there was discussion about the best wording for the flyers and promotion. For more detailed explanation of the planning activities and timeline, please refer to the attachment to original March 26th Parish Council minutes.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

Laura Hathaway reported for the Finance Committee from a summation prepared by Shelley Tienken. (financial report attached). Collection and rental income are ahead of budget. We have controlled expenses and are under budget almost \$50,000. These combined, place us at \$100,000 ahead of where we planned to be. Referring to spreadsheet detailing budgeted collections, we are \$54,000 ahead of the budget.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Mary Carman reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. Mary said that we are close to completing the baptismal font. However, it will not be ready for Easter Vigil. The Shrine continues in designing efforts.

Education and Formation Commission:

The Education and Formation Commission did not meet.

Liturgy Commission:

Laura Hathaway reported for the Liturgy Commission. Laura mentioned that the Liturgy Commission meets three times a year. The Apostles of the Interior Life will lead our Mission for 2014. The Mission is scheduled to begin the weekend of March 15th and 16th with the Sisters speaking at each Mass. Then the Mission will continue March 17th, 18th, and 19th. Their website is www.apostlesofil.com.

Parish Life Commission:

Jan Britt reported for Parish Life Commission. Jan said that discussion continues in how best to incorporate the Holy Souls Feast Day celebration with Fall Fest.

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Social Concerns Commission:

Paul Mammarelli reported for the Social Concerns Commission (minutes attached). Among the topics discussed 1) all information has been gathered to proceed with sending out the applications and letter of explanation by end of March; 2) award recipients will be presented to Parish Council at its June meeting; 3) \$1,000 will be set aside for late responses. In addition, calendar events were discussed. Paul mentioned that the Church Relations Committee of Habitat for Humanity is looking for church volunteers and also youth volunteers needing approved service hours. With reference to the Abba House-Missionaries of Charity summer camp update: Helpers are needed who speak Spanish. In conclusion, Father Erik asked the council to consider a financial gift of some kind to one of our social agencies if we end up with a surplus in our income for the year as the current financial report indicates.

Vocations Committee:

No report was given.

Old Business:

Paul Mammarelli was elected, by acclamation, to the position of Vice President for Parish Council.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Pastoral Comments:

There were no pastoral comments.

Guest Comments:

There were no guest comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be April 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary
attachments