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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
April 1, 2014**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Father Erik Pohlmeier. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Jan Britt, Celeste Barker, Donna Bressinck, Mary Hightower, Steve Hoffmann, Joan Swenson, Chad Sievers, LuAnne Seay

Members absent: Paul Mammarelli, Kevin Ehemann, Barbara Grafe, Nick Ferrara

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the February 11, 2014, Parish Council meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

The Finance Report was provided by Shelley Tienken, Business Manager. Father Erik Pohlmeier read the summary as follows: "Collections through the end of March are running slightly ahead of budget for the year (up \$2,846) which is a big improvement to February (down \$16,067). Expenses have continued to come in under budget and expectations are to see the same for March."

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. Approximately \$40,000 has been allocated to complete the renovation. Mary reported that the industrial dishwasher in the cafeteria has to be replaced. The estimate is \$25,000 and the school and church will split the cost. A condensation unit on top of the church is being replaced (\$7,000). The landscaping project for the Allen Center/I Street sidewalk area will cost around \$12,000 plus the cost of concrete work to repair the sidewalk.

Education and Formation Commission:

Steve Hoffman reported for Education and Formation Commission. Steve reported that the book study groups for *Rediscover Catholicism* has begun. There are six groups with a six week time period to complete the studies. At the end of the last study, it was suggested that an evaluation process take place to offer suggestions for future books to read and discuss in a group setting.

In addition, Steve mentioned that the Holy Souls Adult Faith Formation will once again present a program featuring Father Robert Barron's Catholicism Series. The program takes place on Wednesday, April 16th, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and will highlight the Catholic vision of death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory.

Liturgy Commission:

Donna Bressinck reported for the Liturgy Commission. Donna commented that the Mission at Holy Souls led by the Apostles of the Interior Life received many nice comments and was well received. (March 17th – March 19th).

Parish Life Commission:

Jan Britt represented Parish Life Commission. She said that they are presently discussing preparations for First Communion and Confirmation.

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Social Concerns Commission:

Chad Sievers reported for the Social Concerns. He said that the Commission has reviewed and discussed potential grant applications. (attached to original 4-1-14 Parish Council minutes). The goal of the Commission is to send out applications by April 4th with a return date of May 9th. June is the target month to send award letters.

Old Business:

No old business to report.

New Business:

Nominations were submitted for the position of Vice President for Parish Council for 2014. Kevin Ehemann and Mary Hightower were nominated. After the members voted, Mary Hightower accepted the nomination for Vice President of Parish Council for 2014.

Pastoral Comments:

There were no pastoral comments.

Guest Comments:

There were no guest comments.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary
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