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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
April 23, 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, Mary Hightower, Margaret Zakrzewski, Nick Ferrara, Paul Mammarelli, Chad Sievers

Members absent: Kevin Ehemann, Kenny Gunderman, Donna Bressinck, Steve Hoffman

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting were approved.

Paul Sage was present to update the Council on "40 for 40" Allen Center Roof Project. Collections for the project are going very well and, to date, approximately \$18,650 has been collected. On behalf of Parish Council members, Laura Hathaway thanked Paul, as well as all who participated, in making this campaign a great success!

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

Shelley Tienken was present to report for Finance and Administration (see attached). She said that the Parish is operating ahead of both income and expense budgets. Fiscal year to date the Parish is in the "black" \$165,000. Monthly collections comparison for this year to last year are included along with a recap of second collections. There are now 154 families who participate in Online Giving.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Shelley Tienken reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. The Diocese has given approval for proceeding with replacing the roof on the Allen Center scheduled for June, 2013. However, the warranty (10 versus 20 years) is being reviewed.

Education and Formation Commission:

Margaret Zakrzewski reported for the Education and Formation Commission. Margaret said that PRE is going well and a celebration will be held May 5th for the participating children. First Communion was very successful.

Liturgy Commission:

Laura Hathaway reported for the Liturgy Commission (minutes attached). Among the items discussed: 1) the Altar Servers Banquet will be held May 19th 11a.m.; 2) May Crowning will take place May 4th after 4p.m. Mass; 3) new children's choir will be started for grades 4-8; 4) the closing prayer for Parish Council has been changed and will continue to be changed each year focusing on The Year of Faith and 5) the Liturgy Commission will meet three times a year at appropriate liturgical times.

Parish Life Commission:

Paula Wellborn reported for the Parish Life commission. Paula mentioned that approximately 50 people attended the recent Senior Graduation Dinner. The family night at Dickey Stephens Park will be Tuesday, April 30th. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 10th-13th.

Social Concerns Commission:

Paul Mammarelli reported for the Social Concerns Commission. Paul discussed the spreadsheet (attached) that he presented to Council members regarding the 18 organizations that are being reviewed to potentially receive financial help. He mentioned that the same criteria and guidelines used from last year will be used again this year.

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Old Business:

No old business to report.

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 6:37 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be May 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary
attachments