

Mission Statement: Encounter Jesus, Serve Others.

***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 26, 2016***

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Barb Grafe, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Tamara Ketter, Brooke White, Zelenka Herts-Gibson, Russell Hoerman, Joan Swenson, Jeff Byers, Ben Baldwin, LuAnne Seay, Chris Schaffhauser

Members absent: Diane Scroggins, Ben France

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the March 14, 2016 Parish Council meeting were approved.

Finance & Administration:

Father Erik reported for Finance and Administration. The report states that the parish is \$13,600 ahead of budgeted income through the end of March. Expenses are also below budget. Operating income over expense is \$15,000 ahead of budget at \$41,135. Father Erik mentioned that a draft of the 2017-2018 budget will be submitted to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will vote to accept the budget. Then it will be submitted to the Parish Council and they, in turn, will vote to accept the budget as presented.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Father Erik reported for Building and Grounds Committee. Plans are to proceed with the fire suppression system and WIFI.

Education and Formation Commission:

Joan reported for Education and Formation Commission. She said that the April 12th and 13th talks presented by Pastor Ben Parkinson, Fellowship Bible Church and Father Erik Pohlmeier were successful!

Evangelization Commission:

Barb reported for Evangelization Commission. Discussion began about different ways to reach out more to the PRE children and their parents. What would be different ways in which the Commissions could become involved? One of the goals would be to assertively welcome this group to the Masses perhaps by engaging our Holy Souls children, girl scouts, boy scouts, CYM to welcome them at the doors of the church prior to Masses. Barb said that she will be contacting Samantha Denfe to discuss this topic with her.

Parish Life Commission:

Tamara reported for Parish Life Commission. She discussed the "Holy Happy Hour" for newcomers. The plans are to have 4-a-year receptions for them. Using different themes were discussed as well.

Social Concerns Commission:

LuAnne Seay reported for the Social Concerns Commission. She said that the Corpus Christi food drive will be held at all masses the weekend of May 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th. Flyers will go into the Bulletin two weeks prior to the actual event. Discussion was held about different ways to use visuals on the altar to enhance the drive (perhaps putting the canned goods/non-perishable items) around the altar instead have flowers/plants up there those weekends. Also, displaying before a banner tying it all in with "The Year of Mercy" topic: Feed the Hungry.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

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New Business:

Father Erik said that Father Dhanraj Narla will be at Holy Souls the weekend of March 7th and 8th and preside at all the Masses before he returns to India. A reception will be held at every Mass.

Father Erik mentioned that as an extension of Holy Souls' support of Jericho Way, and living our mission of *Encounter Jesus, Serve Others*, Holy Souls is starting the "JW Home Hearts" program. This program will help homeless individuals moving into a more permanent living situation, by providing the majority of their 1-day needs.

Pastoral Comments:

No pastoral comments.

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be May 24, 2016, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary