

**Mission Statement:** Our Lady of the Holy Souls Parish is a family of believers seeking to know, love and serve God as a faith community. To celebrate the presence of Christ among us, we will enhance the community atmosphere of our parish and develop stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

**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  
June 19, 2012**

The Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Laura Hathaway, Vice President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Paula Wellborn, Jan Britt, Rose Nabholz, Robert Magri, Margaret Zakrzewski, Darlene Hebda

Members absent: Susanne Stabnick, Donna Bressinck, Steve Hoffman, Kenny Gunderman, Paul Mammarelli

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were approved.

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance & Administration:**

George O'Connor reported for the Finance Committee (report attached). He said that with 53 Sundays and Christmas falling midweek, collections are budgeted at \$1,325,000 for fiscal year 2012-2013. Staff salaries include a 2.5% increase and there is no budget change for benefit expense. The budget allowance for financial aid to Holy Souls School families decreased to \$65,000. Social Concerns budget is \$26,000, based on the current formula of 2% of prior year income. A motion was made, seconded and the budget for 2012-2013 was approved.

**Building and Grounds:**

Mary Carman reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. She said that the Parish Hall project will be completed this week. In addition, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades renovation project is in process. Smart boards will be added to eight classrooms. Mary requested that schedule requests be sent to her as soon as possible.

**Education and Formation Commission:**

Robert Magri reported for the Education and Formation Commission (minutes attached). Robert said that the main focus of the meeting was to discuss promoting Summer Speak and developing an Adult Faith Formation Program. The Summer Speak will begin on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Robert mentioned that Holy Souls has no programs in place for the young adults (18-35). Suggestions were made at the meeting to invite some young adults to the next commission meeting for their ideas and input. Also, Christ the King has a young adult program called "Terra Firma" which is successful. Possibly contacting them was also suggested.

**Liturgy Commission:**

There was no report from the Liturgy Commission.

**Parish Life Commission:**

Paula Wellborn reported for the Parish Life Commission. The recent Coffee and Donuts gathering was very successful! A thank you to the Mens Club for funding these gatherings. It was suggested to possibly move Coffee and Donuts to the outside, weather permitting. The next Blood Drive will be July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Social Concerns Commission:**

Darlene Hebda reported for the Social Concerns Commission (minutes attached). Darlene said the minutes contained their Pastoral Plan updates. In addition, a list of 16 organizations were recommended to receive either \$1,000 or \$2,000 for submitted grant approvals.

**\$1,000**

Kairos Prison Ministry  
Center for Women in Transition  
Life Quest  
Gaines House  
Kaleidoscope  
Subiaco

**\$2,000**

Legend Treks  
Potluck  
Westside Free Medical  
Women & Children First Center  
Birthright  
Our House Shelter  
St. Edward's Hispanic Outreach  
Arkansas Hospice

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**\$2,000 (continued)**

Helping Hand

Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the grant applications as listed. A letter will be forthcoming to inform these organizations of the approval. Also, the Parish Council members mentioned that the \$1,000/\$2,000 review process is well liked.

**Vocations Committee:**

Robert Magri reported for the Vocations Committee (minutes attached). Robert said that the main topic of discussion was hosting a Vocations Discernment Night after a 5:30pm Mass for college-age parishioners. He mentioned that it is not only important to invite the young adults but also let their parents know. In addition, Robert said they could seek out recent graduates from CYM as well as contacting the youth Catholic group at UALR (Salvete) to invite to this event. A possible date of July 15, 2012 was mentioned. In closing, Robert said that a mission statement is being drafted for the Vocations Committee. And, please sign up for the Vocations Chalice program. More people are needed!

**Old Business:**

There was no old business to report.

**New Business:**

There was no new business to report.

**Pastoral Comments:**

There was no pastoral comments to report.

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

***The next Parish Council meeting will be August 21, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.***

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble  
Recording Secretary  
attachments