

**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 Parish Council  
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church  
1003 North Tyler Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205  
June 23, 2015**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mary Hightower, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Diane Scroggins, Barbara Grafe, Joan Swenson, Jeff Byers, Chad Sievers, LuAnne Seay

Members absent: Kevin Ehemann, Celeste Baker, Nick Ferrara, Chris Schaffhauser

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Parish Council meeting were approved.

**Finance & Administration:**

Shelley Tienken reported for Finance and Administration. The parish budget for 2015-2016 was presented to the Parish Council and they voted to accept the budget as presented.

**Building and Grounds Committee:**

Shelley Tienken reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. The Parish Hall parking lot is being resurfaced. Renovation continues in various areas in the school. Father Erik mentioned that Mary Carman's position has been filled as Mary is retiring. Susie Williams, parishioner at Holy Souls, has been hired for this position.

**Education and Formation Commission:**

Joan Swenson reported for Education and Formation Commission. Joan said that Deacon Mario Jacobo will present a 3-session series on "The Importance of Prayer as told by St. Teresa of Jesus" beginning at July 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm, Parish Hall. The next sessions are scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm, Parish Hall.

**Evangelism Commission:**

The Evangelism Commission has met to discuss their concerns and what they, as a Commission, need to address. One of the stated goals is to welcome more people prior to Masses. Start identifying a group of people that could meet and greet perhaps 20 minutes before Masses begin.

Father Erik mentioned that two representatives from Evangelical Catholic will meet with the Parish staff on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Life Commission:**

Diane Scroggins reported for the Parish Life Commission. The donuts for Father's Day was successful! Upcoming events for Parish Life planning include the Parish Fest, Pet Blessing and Wine and Cheese Reception. The Parish Life Commission members need to meet with the new Facilities and Events Coordinator, Susie Williams, to coordinate upcoming activities.

**Social Concerns Commission:**

Chad Sievers reported for the Social Concerns Commission. After reviewing the Holy Souls Organization Grants spreadsheet listing all information for each organization that submitted grants, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the grant information as listed. In addition, Chad created a point system that was used by the Social Concerns Commission members in the selection process and amount of financial aid rewarded. Father Erik suggested that in the future years when grant applications are submitted that one of the questions on the form should include the years that each organization has been in existence.

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**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

."A Day of Reflection" with Sister Elizabeth Greim of DePaul, U.S.A will be presented at Holy Souls on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Parish Hall. The day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30am, followed by talks with Sister Elizabeth, group discussions, prayer and end with lunch at 12:30pm.

**Pastoral Comments:**

No pastoral comments.

**Guest Comments:**

Deacon Mario Jacobo was present and spoke about his hosting of a 3-session series "The Importance of Prayer as told by St. Teresa of Jesus".

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

***The next Parish Council meeting will be August 25, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.***

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble  
Recording Secretary