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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  
August 21, 2012***

The Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Susanne Stabnick, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Paula Wellborn, Jan Britt, Rose Nabholz, Laura Hathaway, Margaret Zakrzewski, Steve Hoffman, Darlene Hebda, Kenny Gunderman, Paul Mammarelli

Members absent: Donna Bressinck, Robert Magri

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the June 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance & Administration:**

George O'Connor reported for the Finance Committee (report attached). He said that for the first month of the fiscal year, the parish was off budget by \$31,000 in collections, which is anticipated to recover in August. Families registering for school will be paying past due tithing for in parish tuition. The Parish staff has done well in maintain expenses below budget.

**Building and Grounds:**

There was no report from the Building and Grounds Committee.

**Education and Formation Commission:**

Margaret Zakrzewski reported for the Education and Formation Commission. Margaret stated that the summer series was very successful with over 300 people attending the three sessions. Steve Hoffman mentioned some of the plans being planned for the Adult Formation Committee. He said that a book club is being formed and meetings will take place among the Committee to discuss the scripture readings prior to the weekend masses.

**Liturgy Commission:**

There was no report from the Liturgy Commission.

**Parish Life Commission:**

Susanne Stabnick reported for the Parish Life Commission. She mentioned that a town hall meeting will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Parish Hall, to discuss the shrine. Light refreshments will be served. The Blood Drive is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>. The last Blood Drive collected 37 units of blood! The Newcomers Party will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Social Concerns Commission:**

There was no report from the Social Concerns Commission.

**Vocations Committee:**

There was no representative for the Vocations Committee but minutes are attached from that meeting. Among the topics discussed at their Committee meeting: 1) Vocations Activity Discernment Night was cancelled due to lack of interest. and the Committee will attempt to plan an event for 2013; 2) arrangements are being made for guest vocations speakers for students at Holy Souls; and 3) Chris Friemel accepted the position for new leader of the Vocations Committee.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business to report.

**New Business:**

Father Erik discussed new business. He said that the tabernacle is being moved to the church (at the front-center) but not up against the wall. What type of tile to be used for the floor around that area is being discussed. The chapel will be turned into a shrine for Our Lady of the Holy Souls. This will become a permanent shrine where pictures of deceased loved ones can be placed around the statue that George Hoelzeman has been commissioned to build. At a town hall meeting being held on September 4<sup>th</sup>, discussion will be held concerning the design of the statue for the shrine. At the

town hall meeting, George Hoelzeman will lead a discussion about how we think as a parish of Our Lady with this title and our understanding of the holy souls. From that discussion he will work on a proposed design and plans will proceed from there.

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Father Erik mentioned that plans are underway for an event for Liturgical Ministers, not only to thank them for their service to their ministry but also to discuss updates on liturgical procedures/changes.

A discussion was held regarding All Souls Day and event planning to celebrate this day. Father Erik would like to see All Souls Day as being more of a celebration/feast day. Several ideas were discussed: starting the day off with prayer at the Columbarium and inside church; combining music and prayers; children dressing in their Saint costumes; cookout; renting a catering truck and even refreshments provided on Holy Souls playground, with some sort of sports activity, weather permitting. Father Erik will contact Ileana Dobbins for recommendations on who to ask to be a part of a committee to plan these activities.

Father Erik discussed the "Year of Faith" which will begin on October 6<sup>th</sup> and course through a year. Father Erik mentioned focusing on ways and opportunities for prayer that are part of our Catholic tradition. He said that perhaps we could take a passage of Scripture and focus on this during a monthly holy hour. Father Erik discussed using 10-15 minutes either prior to starting the weekend Masses or after the Masses to talk about a particular part of the Mass (this being done on a monthly basis).

**Pastoral Comments:**

There was no pastoral comments to report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 6:53 pm.

***The next Parish Council meeting will be September 11, 2012, 6:00 p.m. Benedict House.***

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble  
Recording Secretary  
attachments