

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
August 25, 2015**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Kevin Ehemann, Vice-President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Celeste Barker, Diane Scroggins, Jeff Byers, LuAnne Seay, Chris Schaffhauser, Ben France

Members absent: Mary Hightower, Barbara Grafe, Nick Ferrara, Joan Swenson, Chad Sievers

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the June 23, 2015 Parish Council meeting were approved.

Finance & Administration:

Shelley Tienken reported for Finance and Administration. Shelley reported that fiscal year 2015 ended \$9,977 ahead of budget after the initial Evangelical Catholic expenses and contract payment of \$23,034. July 2015 collections are behind budget. The budget number was a bit high so that we have the year to make up the difference. Salaries are showing higher than budget but that is due to three pay periods during the month. For the month we ended (\$10,078).

Building and Grounds Committee:

There was no report for Building and Grounds. However, Susie Williams, the new Facilities and Events Coordinator, will be present at the Parish Council meeting on September 22nd to be introduced to the Parish Council members.

Education and Formation Commission:

Jeff Byers report for the Education and Formation Commission. Upcoming events being planned include: October 13th-presider, Cackie Upchurch, "Jesus, We've Seen His Face"; Two Ascension Press studies that the Commission is presently working with Samantha Deneffe, Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation to finalize; 2-3 book studies; and an Adult Education Fair to be presented on September 13th in which a table will be set up in the vestibule of the church for parishioners to choose topics of interest.

Evangelism Commission:

No report was presented.

Parish Life Commission:

Celeste Barker reported for the Parish Life Commission. Celeste said that planning is underway for the Holy Souls Feast Day/School Fall Fest Weekend. It is to be stressed that this is not two separate events but a weekend of activity for everyone. Celeste mentioned the planning of a "Trunk or Treat", movie and hot dogs, etc. and tickets to include all events.

Social Concerns Commission:

LuAnne Seay reported for the Social Concerns Commission. Planning has begun for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives as well as the Angel Tree. LuAnne said that the Commission would like to include CYM to be responsible for helping with these events. In addition, a suggestion was made that used Halloween costumes be collected from our school children to be donated to the children at Our House..

Old Business:

Father Erik plans to discuss with the Evangelization Commission how those that volunteer for different organizations (like Helping Hand and Our House)) can further reflect on their experiences they encounter while helping at these organizations

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New Business:

Father Erik asked the members for their thoughts on continuing to have the Newcomers Reception. The attendance for this function continues to diminish. The Parish Life Commission will pursue discussion on this subject. Suggestions offered were to change the day (for instance, on a weekend day rather than having during the week and reaching out more to the new people that are registering in the Church).

Pastoral Comments:

There were no pastoral comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be September 22nd, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary