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***Minutes of the Meeting of the Pastoral Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 North Tyler Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
September 17, 2013***

The Pastoral Council meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Laura Hathaway, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Paula Wellborn, Jan Britt, Kevin Ehemann, Mary Hightower, Nick Ferrara, Paul Mammarelli, Chad Sievers.

Members absent: Donna Bressinck, Steve Hoffman, Kenny Gunderman

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

Shelley Tienken reported for Finance and Administration. (reports attached) The parish is ahead of budgeted collections by \$30,000 for the year and on target to exceed budget for September. Expenses appear to be slightly over budget due to three pay periods occurring during August and a delayed payment for the HS tuition aid program that should have taken place during the prior fiscal year. Second collection income is ahead of last year as well. Catholic Home missions received \$1,000 more than 2012-13. It was also noted that several families using Online Giving have opted to contribute to second collection funds prior to the official collection.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Mary Carman reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. Mary mentioned their top five projects and projected date to start: 1) cleaning of the cobwebs between the stain glass and the storm windows of the church (Fall, 2013); 2) re-lamp interior lights of the church and exterior lights on campus, utilizing the incentive program offered by Entergy (Spring, 2014); 3) moving the compressors for the cafeteria freezer and walk-in to the Allen Center from the loading dock (Summer, 2014); 4) repainting of school windows exterior trim (Summer, 2014); 5) installation of retaining wall along the Allen Center North Tyler sidewalk to prevent further erosion (Summer, 2014).

Education and Formation Commission:

Nick Ferrara reported for the Education and Formation Commission. Nick said that the Commission decided on the topic for the lector series: "various methods of prayer". Also, on November 6th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall, Greg Wolfe will lead a 90 minute presentation: "Four Approaches to Personal Prayer".

Liturgy Commission:

Laura Hathaway reported for the Liturgy Commission. (minutes attached). Among the items discussed: 1) The All Souls' Day Requiem for the 4:00 p.m. Mass will continue in the planning after the new Director of Music is hired; 2) on November 13th, a Prayer Service/Reception for Liturgical Ministers is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with Mass followed by a reception in the Parish Hall; 3) the Ecumenical Thanksgiving services will possibly be cancelled due to lack of attendance. An alternative way to reach out to people was discussed. Laura Humphries will report further when she finds out more information. In closing, the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses (Mass times) have not changed from last year.

Parish Life Commission:

Paula Wellborn reported for the Parish Life Commission. "All Souls Fest" is the title selected for the activities scheduled to begin the weekend of November 2nd. On Sunday, November 3rd, the festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last until 3:00 p.m. (on the playground).

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Social Concerns Commission:

Paul Mammarelli reported for the Social Concerns Commission. Plans are underway to meet with the school (October) to discuss coordinating (collecting food, sorting, etc.) of food for Thanksgiving baskets. In addition, Paul mentioned that the Angel Tree will be put up in the vestibule on November 29th.

Old Business:

Laura Humphries said that Carol Pederson, co-director of The CALL, will make a presentation at each of the Masses the weekend of November 9th-10th. On November 17th, beginning at 11:00 a.m., Ms. Pederson will be in the Parish Hall to discuss The CALL with interested people. Also there will be a sign-up sheet located in the vestibule of the church for interested people.

Nick Ferrara said that the parish Facebook page is doing very well! Nick mentioned that, after a month, there have been 440 interested fans. He urged that anyone who has any ideas for the Facebook page please e-mail him at nick@njvideostrategies.com

Father Erik discussed the distribution of the approximately \$186,000 surplus from last fiscal year. Of this amount a \$10,000 check was sent to Our Lady of Assumption Church in Booneville, AR to help them financially. Also, Father Erik asked Denise Morbit, CYM Director, to provide him with a review of how a portion of this reserve could help with the youth events. Denise compiled a list of six different events. Then, \$2,500 was awarded as a one time gift to the CYM to providing funding for these events. Father Erik mentioned that the Diocese told him of three different parishes that could use our help. In conclusion, the subject was tabled until the next parish council meeting.

Paula Wellborn discussed "Operation Albatross" which is a service that provides financial assistance to military personnel who are returning to the states from their assigned duty overseas. The service provides a way for the service man/woman to continue on to their home destination from the military base they are flown to upon arrival in the United States. Paula will continue to keep the council informed about this service and perhaps how our parish can help financially. If the parish helps financially toward this program, then it will be a one time contribution and the money used will be a part of the surplus from the previous fiscal year.

New Business:

There was no new business to report.

Pastoral Comments:

There were no pastoral comments.

Guest Comments:

There were no guest comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be October 8, 2013 6:30 p.m. (please note time change for this meeting) Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary
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