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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 North Tyler Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
September 30, 2014**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Paul Mammarelli, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Jan Britt, Kevin Ehemann, Celeste Barker, Mary Hightower, Barbara Grafe, Steve Hoffman, Nick Ferrara, Joan Swenson, LuAnne Seay

Members absent: Chad Sievers, Donna Bressinck, Steve Hoffman

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Parish Council meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

Shelley Tienken reported for Finance and Administration. Shelley said that September collections to date are \$137,493 which is \$32,493 ahead of total September budget. For the year we are 3% behind budget, or \$10,756.

Building and Grounds Committee:

No report from Building and Grounds Committee.

Education and Formation Commission:

Nick Ferrara reported for the Education and Formation Commission. He said that the signup sheets for those wishing to attend the Adult Education and Formation classes was well received. After approximately two months upon completion of the classes a follow up survey will be conducted for the participants input. LuAnne suggested using Survey Monkey as a means of survey communication. Survey Monkey creates and publishes online surveys in minutes and views results graphically.

Sarah Hylton was introduced as the CYM representative for this meeting. Sarah said that Junior High dances are well attended. She also said that at the last dance the Junior High collected donations to help toward Senior High students to be able to attend Region 10 conference held in November. Sarah also mentioned other activities that are being discussed toward further increasing Junior and Senior High attendance to CYM meetings and activities. In closing, Sarah said that CYM representation at the Parish Council meetings will be on a rotation basis.

Liturgy Commission:

Mary Hightower reported for the Liturgy Commission. (*Liturgy Commission minutes attached to original of September 30th Parish Council minutes*). Among the items discussed were: 2) success of the Fall Mission with Father Leo; 2) Father Erik looking for a way to connect the feast days to the liturgy pointing out beautiful words and music to help parishioners find deeper meaning; 3) and discussion held about All Souls and Lux Aeterna...the decision trend toward this being done at Saturday Vigil Mass rather than Sunday.

Parish Life Commission:

Celeste Barker reported for the Parish Life Commission. Further discussion continued in planning activities for the Holy Souls Feast Day/School Fall Fest Weekend. It will be stressed that all parishioners are made welcomed and not obligated to purchase tickets for any event.

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Social Concerns Commission:

LuAnne Seay reported for the Social Concerns Commission. LuAnne said that Social Concerns is in the process of planning for the Thanksgiving Food Drive and also the Angel Tree.

Old Business:

Father Erik reported that the Our Lady of the Holy Souls Shrine is completed. The niches displaying pictures of the deceased are full. Details will be discussed in the near future on how to rotate pictures that have been displayed for approximately one month or longer. These pictures will be scanned and placed on digital frames and new pictures will be put in the place of those returned to their owner. It was also suggested that a special place be reserved for the recently deceased.

EWTN has filmed the Shrine but the date for viewing is not known as yet.

New Business:

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 7:35 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be October 29, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary