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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
March 31, 2015**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mary Hightower, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Kevin Ehemann, Diane Scroggins, Joan Swenson, Jeff Byers, Chad Sievers, LuAnne Seay, Chris Schaffhauser, Barbara Grafe, Nick Ferrara

Members absent: Celeste Barker, Ben France

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the March 3, 2015, Parish Council meeting were approved.

Finance & Administration:

Shelley Tienken reported for Finance and Administration. She said that February year to date results show income just ahead of budget while expenses were below. March collections are approximately \$17,000 ahead of budget in part due to a generous contribution. The budget did account for the fact that March was a five week month.

Building and Grounds Committee:

There was no report from the Building and Grounds Committee.

Education and Formation Commission:

Nick Ferrara reported for the Education and Formation Commission. He said that Monsignor Scott Friend will begin a series of discussions on Ignatian Spirituality starting April 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. In addition, plans are underway to purchase a video series for summer presentation. Christ The King would like to share the cost of this series to be used at their church also. Discussion was held in the possibility of future programs that would reflect on the 10ish year marriages with a 40ish age group.

Father Erik said that the position of Anne Thomisee (who will be retiring the end of May) has been filled by Samantha Deneffe, who is currently employed by Immaculate Conception in Marche, Arkansas. Samantha is scheduled to begin her work at Holy Souls on June 16th.

Liturgy Commission:

Mary Hightower reported for the Liturgy Commission. Mary said that an insert referencing Divine Mercy Sunday will be included in the weekly *Bulletin* for April 12th. The insert will include three questions for parishioners to respond to at office@holysouls.org. The questions are: 1) Have you learned anything about our faith from these handouts? 2) What would you like to see included? and 3) Is there anything about our faith you would like to see addressed?

Parish Life Commission:

Diane Scroggins reported for the Parish Life Commission. Diane mentioned the reception scheduled for April 4th (after the Easter Vigil) for those receiving the Sacraments of Initiation and Profession of Faith.

Social Concerns Commission:

Chad Sievers reported for the Social Concerns Commission. Chad submitted to the Parish Council members a list of potential organizations seeking financial help. Grant applications with accompanying letters will be sent the week of April 6th requesting that applications be submitted with a deadline of May 6th.

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In addition Paul Mammarelli, representing Habitat for Humanity, was present to discuss Depaul USA and Jericho Way. Depaul USA offers homeless and disadvantaged people the opportunity to fulfill their potential and move towards an independent and positive future. Under Depaul USA management, Jericho Way (Little Rock's day/resource center) will continue to be a place where homeless men and women can escape the streets and find, safety, rest and renewal. Several ideas were mentioned as ways to offer financial support, and a potential for staffing and volunteer support. Paul will invite Sister Elizabeth Greim, representative for this group, to a future Parish Council meeting (possibly May) to further discuss their program.

Old Business:

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New Business:

There was no new business.

Pastoral Comments:

There were no pastoral comments.

Guest Comments:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be May ? , 2015, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary