

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
October 29, 2014**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Paul Mammarelli, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Barbara Grafe, Nick Ferrara, Joan Swenson, Chad Sievers, LuAnne Seay

Members absent: Jan Britt, Kevin Ehemann, Celeste Barker, Donna Bressinck, Mary Hightower, Steve Hoffman

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the September 30, 2014 Parish Council meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Sophie Rudder was present as CYM representative. Sophie said that the Halloween party for CYM will be October 29th from 7-8:30pm. The fall camping trip is November 14-16 at Petit Jean Mountain. Region 10 Youth Conference will be in Saint Angelo, Texas beginning the week before Thanksgiving. CYM expressed much interest in helping with the annual Food Drive, Angel Tree, and basically, any activity where they can serve. Social Concerns (LuAnne Seay) will contact Denise Morbit, CYM Director, to discuss further ideas where CYM can provide assistance.

Finance & Administration:

Shelley Tienken reported for Finance and Administration (by email). "Financial results for September trended with the budget. Collections were up, but not enough to make up the YTD deficit. Expenses have been below budget."

Building and Grounds Committee:

Mary Carman reported for Building and Grounds Committee. Mary reported that heating and air conditioning units are now controlled completely by computer. In addition, new sensors are now in place to provide more even control flow of temperature.

Several trees have been removed and or trimmed on our rental properties; both ovens in the Allen Centers had to be replaced as they stopped working; the rectory roof will have snow and ice shields placed over the carport and doorway leading to the courtyard which will prevent injury or damage to persons or autos.

Candle holders have now been installed in the Shrine. However, they burn only three hours and we will need volunteers to clean the holders and replace them with new candles. Please call the church office if you can help.

Education and Formation Commission:

Nick Ferrara reported for the Education and Formation Commission. Nick said that they would like to offer a program to the parish in the spring on Ignatian Spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises. The program consists of four meetings. Monsignor Scott Friend was contacted and he recommended five priests. However, Monsignor Friend said that he would like to teach this program if it can be worked into his schedule.

In addition, Nick said that he has contacted facilitators of the "Small Groups" to give us their feedback on their program, as well as other programs they would like to see within Adult Faith Formation, etc. Nick will report back to the Parish Council with the results.

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Liturgy Commission:

There was no report from the Liturgy Commission. However, Lynn Bauman, Music Director, said that on Saturday, November 1, at the All Souls Day Mass, music will be led by the Advanced Children's Choir. At 5pm, a presentation of "Lux Aeterna" will be given by the Parish Choir and 17 piece orchestra in conjunction with the dedication of Our Lady of the Holy Souls Shrine.

Parish Life Commission:

There was no report from the Parish Life Commission.

Social Concerns Commission:

LuAnne Seay reported for the Social Concerns Commission. She said that plans are underway for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. CYM and the Wrestling Team will assemble the food boxes for distribution the week before Thanksgiving. It was also mentioned that boxes were needed for packing the food. The Angel Trees will be put up the Saturday after Thanksgiving. A suggestion was made that the bikes be already assembled rather in boxes.

Father Erik mentioned that predictions are that this winter will be a harsh one. We need to provide support to the warming centers. Social Concerns needs to find out where they are located and how we can help them. This needs to be done as soon as possible.

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

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 6:32 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be November 25, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary