

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 Pastoral Council of
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 North Tyler Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
November 27, 2012***

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

Members present: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Margaret Zakrzewski, Steve Hoffman, Rose Nabholz, Paula Wellborn, Jan Britt, Darlene Hebda

Members absent: Robert Magri, Laura Hathaway, Donna Bressinck, Kenny Gunderman, Paul Mammarelli

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the October 30, 2012, meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

Shelley Tienken reported for the Finance Committee (report attached). We are \$10,000 behind in collections for the month of October; only \$5,000 behind at this point for the month of November; overall still in the black. We are only .04% down from last year. Operating Expense is down right now because we are not paying for Fr. Dhanraj since he has been helping in Batesville.

Building and Grounds:

Mary Carman reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. Mary said that the leak in the church roof above the altar was caused by a bullet lodged in the roof which has now been repaired. The Building and Grounds Committee continues to meet to determine the best way to utilize the baptismal font regarding repair costs.

Education and Formation Commission:

Margaret Zakrzewski reported for the Education and Formation Commission. PRE is getting ready for the sacrament of Reconciliation in December. Steve Hoffman will send a blast e-mail regarding upcoming speaker, Dr. James Woods, Professor of History at Georgia Southern University, regarding the history of the Catholic Church in Arkansas on December 9th at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 10-11 people are attending book discussion group at this time. Several people are attending weekly Scripture Preview; the Education and Formation Committee looks up reference material used in the discussions.

Liturgy Commission:

Rose Nabholz reported for the Liturgy Commission (report attached). The Parish Mission will be held February 18-21, 2013. The feast of Immaculate Conception will be December 8th. Altar Society will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 23rd after the 10:00 a.m. mass. John Hall preached his first mass on November 25th. We will have a retirement party for Deacon Massanelli on December 16th after the 10:00 a.m. mass.

Parish Life Commission:

Susanne Stabnick reported that the Parish Life Commission had not met since last Parish Council meeting. However, she did report that the Holy Souls Feast Day celebration held November 2nd had a great turnout for mass, dinner and a movie and people requested that we do it again next year. Fr. Erik said he has talked with the Fall Fest Committee about possibly having this event in conjunction with Fall Fest next November and they were quite receptive to the idea. The Feast Day celebration, however, would not serve as a fundraiser for Fall Fest. Susanne also reported that the Jolly Jammies Jamboree needs baked goods for their event on December 1st. Also, the church Christmas party will be held Friday, December 7th; all are welcome to attend. Confirmation will be held December 14th and there will be a reception for Deacon Massanelli's retirement on December 16th.

Social Concerns Commission:

Darlene Hebda reported that the Social Concerns Commission delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need on November 17th; however, we were short several food items this year and had to purchase them at Kroger. We talked with Holy Souls School about the shortage in the hopes that we can prevent this from happening with the Christmas food collection. Margaret Zakrzewski suggested that the PRE class might be willing to bring food items to supplement our goal and she will send home notes with the children to have the food collected by December 14th for delivery on December 15th by the Social Concerns Committee. We will also ask the Senior CYM students if they would be interested in helping our goal. A suggestion was made that next year we might consider taking up a second collection at mass to help purchase the food items for this cause. Also, Christmas gifts are being collected for six agencies via the Angel Tree project at church.

Vocations Committee:

No report given.

Old Business:

Fr. Erik also said that the baptismal font is currently a work in progress as we decide how best to purpose it based on cost of repairs and likelihood of future leaks. Greg Peckham is helping to redesign it. The goal is to have it finished by Easter. Additionally, we are still working on moving the tabernacle to the altar area; the tabernacle is ready but the design wasn't quite right so it is still being worked on. The topic of kneeling v. standing after communion will be discussed further in regard to placement of the tabernacle.

New Business:

Parish Council elections will be held January 26 & 27, 2013. Nominations will be taken the last weekend in December and the first weekend in January. Each commission was asked to think of nominees who might be good candidates to fill the positions of outgoing members of each commission.

Pastoral Comments:

Father Erik announced that we are beginning the Year of Faith and we collected a lot of cards completed at mass a couple weeks ago where parishioners gave us their preferred method of contact (e-mail or text message) so we can send out notices and reminders of events. We currently don't have a subscription to send text messages, but we are working on that. First Holy Hour will be December 11th at 5:30 p.m., highlighting a participating group each time; we will put up easels in the vestibule with notices/reminders.

Guest Comments:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be January 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

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Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Hebda
Recording Secretary
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