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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
May 6, 2014**

The Parish Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Paul Mammarelli, President. The meeting opened with prayer.

Members present: Jan Britt, Celeste Barker, Donna Bressinck, Barbara Grafe, Steve Hoffman, Joan Swenson, Chad Sievers, LuAnne Seay

Members absent: Kevin Ehemann, Mary Hightower, Nick Ferrara,

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the April 1, 2014, Parish Council meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration:

The Finance Report was presented by Shelley Tienken, Business Manager (report attached to original). Shelley said that "year to date, through the end of April, we are down 1% in both collections and expenses but remain in the black for the year. Collections for the year are off budget by \$18,000. The budget for 2014-2015 will be presented at the next meeting."

Building and Grounds Committee:

Shelley Tienken reported for the Building and Grounds Committee. Shelley stated that all projects were on schedule.

Education and Formation Commission: Steve reported that the program "The Last Things" moderated by Deacon John Hal, was well attended and produced a great deal of questions and discussion. The six Rediscovering Catholicism study groups are wrapping up.

Liturgy Commission:

Donna Bressinck reported for the Liturgy Commission. (minutes of May 6, 2014 meeting attached to original). Among the agenda items discussed during this meeting included: 1) Ash Wednesday which went well; Holy Thursday; the people who were asked to have their feet washed were honored to be asked; Good Friday; procession by youth was well received and Easter Vigil; the attendance seemed larger, the size driven by the numbers in RCIA 2) the Lenten Mission (very successful!) and Fall mission has been set for September 13-17 which will feature Father Leo Patalinghug "The Cooking Priest".

Parish Life Commission:

Celeste Barker reported for Parish Life Commission. Celeste said that she was invited to attend a PTO Fall Feast meeting regarding combining All Souls Day Festival with School Fall Fest Carnival. Celeste informed the Parish Council that the PTO is gathering financial and logistical information. She also said that she informed the PTO meeting to include all age groups and remember that the Fest Day is for community, not funding.

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Social Concerns Commission:

Chad Sievers reported for the Social Concerns (minutes of May 6, 2014 meeting attached to original). Chad said that grant applications were reviewed. Of the 21 applications that have been mailed, 15 applications were received. Chad said that he will email the six organizations who have not responded and give them a new deadline date of May 23rd. The Social Concerns Commission will meet again the week of May 26th to review any final applications. Shelley Tienken will also be contacted about an estimated budget.

Old Business:

No old business to report.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Pastoral Comments:

There were no pastoral comments.

Guest Comments:

Shelley Tienken reported the following comments to the Parish Council:

- 1) VBS/Catholic Kids Camp – Monday and Tuesday night, June 16th and 17th in the Allen Center, 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At the same time, a film will be offered for the parents in the Parish Hall.
- 2) Working with new software called Ministry Scheduler Pro that will enable the altar servers and all other Liturgical Ministers to interact online to find subs and to enter when they are unavailable. Hope to have ready to use by June schedule if not then July.
- 3) Beginning a new Grief Support Group on June 5th at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.
- 4) Corpus Christi Food drive reminder to Social Concerns; need a physical reminder to the parishioners to bring groceries. Corpus Christi Sunday is June 22nd.
- 5) Beginning planning on the Mission of Father Leo; planning for committees for food, serving, advertisements, etc. If interested, please contact Laura in the Church Office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next Parish Council meeting will be June 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Edna de Noble
Recording Secretary
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