

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 AR 72205
August 20, 2013**

The Pastoral Council meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer at 6:00pm by Paul Mammarelli, Vice President.

Members present: Father Erik Pohlmeier, Paula Wellborn, Jan Britt, Kevin Ehemann, Steve Hoffmann, Nick Ferrara, Mary Hightower, Kenny Gunderman, Chad Sievers, and Paul Mammarelli.

Members absent: Donna Bressinck and Laura Hathaway. Margaret Zakrzewski resigned from the council and rejoined Our Lady of Good Counsel parish where she is now employed as the DRE.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 4, 2013 meeting were approved.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance & Administration: Shelley reported fiscal year 2013 ended \$186,668 income over expenses. This was in part due to keeping the expenses well below budgeted amounts coupled with an increase in weekly collections. The first month of fiscal year 2014 continues to see the larger weekly collection amounts.

The annual financial report that is sent to the Diocese was also presented to the council for approval.

Building & Grounds: Mary Carman reported that the new roof on the Allen Center was completed; work on the natural spring in front of the school was done to reroute the water; and an estimate was underway on the cleaning of the stained glass windows in the church. The Allen Center and the School building have been retrofitted with new energy efficient bulbs and ballast. The project cost approximately \$40,000 and we will receive an incentive check from Entergy for \$27,000. Entergy has said this change will significantly reduce our electric usage and cost.

Education & Formation: Steve Hoffmann reported that they had offered two Faith Formation evenings that had been well attended. If anyone has suggestions for more topics please contact one of the members.

Liturgy Commission: No report given.

Parish Life Commission: Paula Wellborn reported that they had not met but were going to meet following the meeting. They have started working on the All Souls Day celebration.

Social Concerns Commission: Paul Mammarelli reported that all the recipients of the grants had been contacted about their awards. The business office will send out the checks. Their next projects are the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nick Ferrara gave a presentation on the need for the parish to have a FaceBook page. The council agreed. It was decided that Nick would create and manage the page with guidance from Fr. Erik and input from council and parish and school staff.

2. It was decided that we would give \$10,000 to Our Lady of Assumption in Booneville; distribution of the remaining monetary surplus was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Gunderman presented information on The Call. He and other parishioners are involved with this organization that helps aid foster children and will be the parish contacts with the agency. They would like to see our parish openly involved with The CALL. Mary Carol Pederson, a co-director of The CALL, gave a detailed explanation of the work of this organization and how our parishioners could become involved. The Council discussed their request and agreed that we would invite them to come and speak at Mass and hold an informational meeting. The proposal is attached.

PASTORAL COMMENTS:

A Town Hall Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, August 27. Two versions of the statue for the Our Lady of Holy Souls Shrine, one seated and one standing, will be presented. Parishioners in attendance at this meeting will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite.

Fred Graham has resigned as Music Director & Organist. He has accepted a position at the Church of the Assumption in St. Paul, Minnesota. Seven people have submitted resumes. The Selection Committee will meet on August 22 to begin the process of hiring a new Music Director.

GUEST COMMENTS:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on September 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Benedict House.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Stabnick
Recording Secretary