**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church**

**1003 N Tyler St**

**Little Rock, AR 72205**

**May 11, 2021**

Members Present:  Fr John Marconi, Shannon Callahan, Al Malzewski, Tamara Ketter, Nancy Stuart

Guests Present:  Shelley Tienken, Susej Thompson, Susie Williams, Andrew Baka, Cindy Stabnick, Ashley Saer, Wendy Floriani, Amber Bagby, Stacey Matchett

1.      Call to Order – 12:04 PM

2.      Opening prayer

3.   January minutes approved.

4.      Report of Committees/Commissions:

**A.** Finance & Administration – Shelley presented the budget as recommended by the Parish Finance Council. She went into detail regarding income and expenses. Income is projected to be $1,400,000 by the end of this year. Income is projected for next year at a 2% increase. Budget approved by the Council. To date we have collected $2.659 million on the Capital Campaign of the $2.8 million pledged.

**B.**  Buildings & Grounds Committee – Next renovation project will kick off on May 17th. There will be an official groundbreaking to note the kick off. The church should not have to borrow any money from the Diocese to cover the cost. Completion should happen in early 2022.

**C.**  Faith Formation – Some groups are meeting again such as Men’s Club. The Seniors group will start meeting in June. Altar Society is in need of a leader. The goal is to get the small groups meeting again. Walking With Purpose has been meeting via Zoom. The hope is to have more meetings in person. The numbers for CYM have gone up with each meeting.

**D.** Parish Life — Liturgical Minister reception is tonight and it is the first event in a while. The committee will take off for the summer and do something to welcome everyone back in the fall.

**E.**  Social Concerns—Grant invitation letters are being prepared to send out. There are no changes to the list from last year which had been tweaked.

**F.**   Liturgy & Worship – First Communion Masses will take place through the month of May. There are 31 children doing First Communion. RCIA brought 31 new members between adults and youths. Hope to have the RCIA members paired with small groups to keep them active in the community.

5. Guests comments – Amber Bagby reported for the school. The school received an allocation from the EAMS fund for Covid. There will be a 3% tuition increase. The school is looking for an assistant principal. Entrance exam results to MSM showed that HS students scored higher than any other school in the area on all subjects. Ashley Saer reported for PTO. Field Day this year will be spread over two days. Last week was teacher appreciation week.

6.      Old Business – No old business.

7. New Business – Nancy, Carolee, and Shannon have terms through the end of the year. Faith Formation, Parish Life and Social Concerns are all down one member already. Recommendations are being taken for new members.

8.      Pastoral Comments – Fr. John discussed the Bishop’s message from this past weekend that lessened the restrictions due to Covid-19. Masks are now recommended, but not required. Pastors are given leeway to make decisions for their own parish. Nancy Handloser has stepped down as school principal and Amber Bagby will be the new principal. Cindy Stabnick is also stepping down as pastoral secretary. He thanked both Nancy and Cindy for all of their years of service to Holy Souls. Stacey Matchett will the pastoral secretary and Wendy Floriani will be the church secretary. The Parishioner newsletter will be put out quarterly. Thank you to the teachers and staff for an exceptional year.

9.      Next Parish Council meeting -- TBD

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Stacey Matchett, Reporting Secretary