

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 N Tyler St
Little Rock, AR 72205
March 12, 2019

1. Call to Order – 6:03 PM
2. Members Present: Fr John Marconi, Russell Hoerman, Shannon Callahan, Clark Wilkinson, Ben Baldwin, Nancy Stuart, Cindy Odom, Ben France
3. Guests Present: Susie Williams, Shelley Tienken, Anomie Gonzalez, Stacey Matchett
4. Reviewed and Approved of Minutes from the January meeting
5. Report of Committees/Commissions:

Finance & Administration – Collections so far this year are down \$90k to budget. From this year to last year we are down \$130k. There is no known explanation for collections being down. There is an extra week in the fiscal year for this year.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – The lighting project funded by the Capital Campaign is underway. The wiring for the key cards and security is being installed. The car pool and elevator projects are scheduled for this summer. Letter went out to property owners regarding the hearing/zoning meeting.

Faith Formation – Wendy is looking for volunteers for First Communion. April 1-3 is the Lenten Mission.

Parish Life – There were 75 people in attendance for the Lenten Luncheon. Susie Williams made cheese chowder. Volunteers are lined up for the next one on April 12. Soup leftover will be used at the soup supper on Friday. Fr John will speak at PHUMC for the Friday Lenten service. Volunteers are needed for the Holy Saturday reception on April 20. The altar server banquet is April 27. Holy Sews has sent out 2500 layettes last year and served 432 hospitals nationwide. Altar Society is still processing the proceeds from Mardi Gras. The Men's Club will start the fish fries soon.

Social Concerns – Grant letter applications will be going out this month to nonprofits. Changes with the Broadway Bridge project that feeds the homeless was discussed. Continued participation will be determined later.

Old Business— No old business.

New Business— No new business.

6. **Pastoral Comments by Fr John** – He had a wonderful trip to the Holy Land. Thank you to Samantha for the work involved with the current RCIA class. The 3v3 tournament raised over \$2,000 for the church in Warren. Retired priests will be helping with confessions. Friday nights will be Stations of the Cross—the youth did a great job on the last one. Deacon Keith Strohm is coming for the Lenten mission.
7. **Guest Comments: PTO** – The Mardi Gras parade went great. The Catholic High Band provided jazz music. Last month's HOP benefitted Jericho Way and Helping Hand with each grade given a different list of items. The spring carnival is coming up and will include a basket raffle, games, food provided by the Men's Club, and the annual art show. The school play is the same weekend. The PTO general meeting is April 23. St Edward's School will close at the end of this school year. Some families have already come to tour Holy Souls School. In anticipation of new families enrolling in the school, new family ambassadors are needed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Stacey Matchett, Reporting Secretary