

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 N Tyler St
Little Rock, AR 72205
September 10, 2019

1. Call to Order – 12:20 PM

2. Opening prayer

Members Present: Fr John Marconi, Shannon Callahan, Clark Wilkinson, Nancy Stuart, Tamara Ketter, Thomas Lipham, Al Malzewski

Guests Present: Shelley Tienken, Laura Humphries, Nan Connell, Denise Dumars, MeKyung McGraw, Cindy Stabnick, Wendy Floriani, Stephanie Byers, Lindsey Taggart, Stacey Matchett

3. First 15: Luke 15: 1 – 10

4. Special guests: Stephanie Byers and Lindsey Taggart gave a presentation on the Settled Souls ministry.

5. Report of Committees/Commissions:

A. Finance & Administration – The year ended down by \$15,000. Currently income is down, but expenses are also down. September is looking to be a better month. Giving is down, but this seems to be true for all churches and not just Holy Souls or even just Catholic churches. Checks will be going out soon to those awarded grants by the Social Concerns Committee. Last month the church paid \$150,000 in capital campaign project expenses.

B. Buildings & Grounds Committee – Susie Williams unable to attend. She sent word that while the work on campus is behind schedule, the work that has been done looks good.

C. Faith Formation – No one has been hired yet to fill the Faith Formation & Evangelization position yet, but the programs are ongoing. The Sunday Series program is going well and starting back up. Wendy Floriani and Shona Terrell have been working on RCIC.

D. Social Concerns—The grant award letters have been mailed. Thanksgiving baskets are upcoming as well as the Angel Tree and Christmas baskets. Holy Spirit Church in Hamburg is the focus of the One Church mission of the Diocese this year. St Luke's in Warren was blessed this past year by it.

E. Parish Life – The pet blessing will be on a Sunday this year. The blessing of the columbarium will be done as part of el Dia de Muertos put on by Altar Society.

6. Business

A. Old Business – The Capital Campaign was discussed—what is left to do and what will be done next.

B. The council needs to vote on a new vice president.

7. Pastoral Comments – Fr John stated that the Bishop says we will be getting a new associate pastor at some point soon. Our numbers at Holy Souls are solid and stable. We need to continue to be good stewards. Our CASA goal has not been met yet. Collections are down here as well as at all churches. This could be due to a change in the tax laws; a small portion of it could be due to scandal. Keep praying, keep growing.

8. Next Parish Council Meeting—Tuesday, October 15 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Stacey Matchett, Reporting Secretary