

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 N Tyler St
Little Rock, AR 72205
April 9, 2019

1. Call to Order – 12:15 PM
2. Members Present: Fr John Marconi, Russell Hoerman, Shannon Callahan, Clark Wilkinson, Nancy Stuart, Brook White
3. Guests Present: Susie Williams, Shelley Tienken, Anomie Gonzalez, Samantha Deneffe, Denise Dumars, Wendy Floriani, Laura Humphries, Stacey Matchett
4. Reviewed and Approved of Minutes from the March meeting
5. Report of Committees/Commissions:

Finance & Administration – Collections are down, but so are expenses, leaving the church at negative \$24,000. Attendance is down a little as it is with all area churches. No specific reason is known for the drop in collections.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – The committee met the previous week. Item discussed included the potential to have a covered carpool for the church, the capital campaign projects and the regular to-do list. Upcoming projects include the school elevator and the Parish Hall floor. The sound system is complete.

Faith Formation – RCIA met for the last formation event of this class last week. Sunday Series will start at the end of April. Attendance for these has been consistently between 30 to 40. A special edition of The Parishioner is coming out for Easter. The mission went great—it started with attendance at 133 the first night and the last night had an attendance of 175. First Communion retreat is coming up and Confirmation parents have a meeting this week. CYM is going well. Life Teen training of the CORE team is coming up. CYM will do fundraising for the trip to Stuebenville.

Parish Life – Lenten lunches start soon. Volunteers are needed for the Easter Vigil reception. The altar server luncheon is upcoming. Holy Sews – April showers campaign is also this month.

Social Concerns—Grant letters have been mailed. Discussion took place concerning feeding the homeless. We have volunteers able to serve the food, but not to cook it. No decision was reached on whether to discontinue the partnership with Pulaski Heights Christian Church or to replace it with another ministry.

Old Business— No old business.

New Business— Russell broached the topic of a way to reach out to those who have quit coming to mass. Perhaps a group of lay people could be trained in what to say and call these people.

6. **Pastoral Comments by Fr John** – Discipleship leads to attendance and tithing. He will speak with Dc Keith Strohm who did the mission on what we can do to help our parish. He asked for the council to suggest replacements for those going off the group in June. Our old sound system, some chairs and candles no longer in use here are going to the church in Warren. He is thankful for the mission and looking forward to working more with Dc Keith. The Chrism Mass is coming up. Twenty people are coming into the church at Easter.
7. **Guest Comments: PTO** – The school carnival was moved inside due to weather, but was a success. The Men's Club cooked food and it was sold out. Everyone is invited to the PTO General meeting on April 23. The proceeds from this Friday's fish fry go to the school. Muffins for Mom will be held in May. The last day of school has changed to May 24 and Field Day is the day before. The theme is All You Need is Love.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Stacey Matchett, Reporting Secretary