

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

1. Call to Order – 12:08 PM
2. Opening prayer

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

Guests Present: Laura Humphries, Susej Thompson, Susie Williams, Denise Dumars, Cindy Stabnick, Wendy Floriani, Mary Sue Whitelaw, Regina Binz, Stacey Matchett

3. First 15: Luke 21:5-19
4. Special guests: Regina Binz gave a presentation on Holy Sews Ministry
5. July and September meeting minutes approved
6. Report of Committees/Commissions:

**A. Finance & Administration** – Receipts were down \$42,250 to budget. Expenses are down \$60,393 to budget. Operating income over expense is negative \$121,153. On November 6 Shelley sent out approximately 100 letters to the families who are behind reminding them of their pledge along with an envelope to remit payment. An update on the Capital Campaign will be coming soon.

**B. Buildings & Grounds Committee** – The initial estimated cost of the school expansion has increased due to saferoom challenges on campus and issues with older buildings. The original goal was not met so we need to discuss how to move forward. Fr John is discussing things with Nancy, Amber, and Greg on the direction moving forward. What do we want the most and what can be done financially. An update on the renovation progress will be in the next Parishioner. The lighting was double budget, but everything else was to budget or below. The Scouts are proposing a gaga ball pit. They will pay to build it and maintain it, but it will be for the use of the whole church and school. Renovating the rental house at 1016 Harrison will cost \$80k - \$100k in order to be livable. This includes the roof, flooring, and basic items.

**C. Faith Formation** – The Faith Formation Committee met November 8. It is a committee of eight divided into four teams of two—Parishioner Engagement Survey, Small Groups, Called & Gifted, and Parish Communication. RCIA had a good meeting with the Bishop last week. There are currently fifteen candidates with a total of 25 to 30 participants weekly including volunteers. Walking with Purpose has 55 participants in five groups that meet weekly until spring break. Little Rock Scripture Study is ending for the Fall and will start again in the Spring. Father Friend will be the Sunday Series speaker on December 6. CYM had a service day on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming events include the Jr High Youth Rally, Saints Escape Rooms, a mental health speaker, and selling Tiny Saints. Fr Erik will speak to them next week and they will go caroling in December.

**D. Social Concerns**—Working with the school and Paul Mammarelli for gathering items and delivering the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Currently deciding on which organizations to partner with for the Angel Trees. Volunteers are lined up to keep the trees filled with ornaments during the masses.

**E. Parish Life** – The next event is the Christmas Party to be held on December 14 from 5:30 – 8:30. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. The Men’s Club shrimp and oyster dinner is upcoming. Altar Society will hold a Father – Daughter dance. Lenten activities for March will be announced later. April 11 will be the Easter Vigil reception.

**F. Liturgy & Worship** – Susej is getting the choir ready for Christmas. The organ has been tuned. Overflow mass will be held in the Allen Center.

7. Old Business – We are on the shortlist to get an associate priest, but one is not known of yet.
8. Pastoral Comments – Fr John discussed the Capital Campaign. He is assessing with the school their needs. He is working on getting a letter out so that people know where we are with the campaign. The money is not there for the school expansion. Holy Spirit Church in Hamburg is the current focus of the Diocese of LR One Church initiative.
9. Next Parish Council Meeting—December 10 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Stacey Matchett, Reporting Secretary