

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 N Tyler St
Little Rock, AR 72205
May 21, 2019

1. Call to Order – 12:15 PM

2. Opening prayer

Members Present: Fr John Marconi, Russell Hoerman, Shannon Callahan, Clark Wilkinson, Nancy Stuart, Brook White

Guests Present: Susie Williams, Shelley Tienken, Anomie Gonzalez, Denise Dumars, Wendy Floriani, Laura Humphries, Stacey Matchett

3. Reviewed and Approved of Minutes from the April meeting

4. Report of Committees/Commissions:

Finance & Administration – Operating income is behind by \$108,000 to what was budgeted. Due to the management of expenses, income to expenses is negative \$45,000. The capital campaign could be affecting contributions as well as changes in tax deductions. We are in line with the trend shown by other churches of fundraising not bringing in as much as previously.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – With summer the school projects are underway. The key card system is being installed in the church and office. Work on the elevator and carpool should start soon. The metal canopy for the carpool may not be done this summer, but paving and landscaping will be done. Renee Rittelmeyer is redoing the Gathering Room, which is used for spiritual counseling a number of times a week.

Faith Formation – The Sunday Series is going well. Generally there are 24 -30 in attendance.

Parish Life – Looking for volunteers to help with coffee and donuts for Father's Day. Walking with Purpose will have a summer social on July 17 at a parishioner's home.

Social Concerns – The committee has received a number of grant applications. They will meet later in the week to go over them.

5. **Guest Comments:** Denise Dumars discussed the upcoming CYM float trip with Fr Francis and another priest. Life Teen Camp and Stuebenville are two other activities for the summer. Wendy Floriani stated that 50 went through First Communion and we also have 50 signed up for Confirmation. Laura Humphries stated that fourteen people trained to be Eucharistic Ministers this past weekend and two came forward to be captains.

PTO – The general meeting was a success. With money from the Raise Craze fundraiser, the Board approved a portion of the funds to go to the Building Fund, the capital campaign, and to the MATDF. Funds will also go towards the upgrading of the water fountains, a bench, and classroom enrichment items. A new projector will go in the Allen Center, security cameras on the playground, and more games will be added to the lot with the hoops. The Novelties will now be known as the Wabbit Spirit Shop. Kelly Pace is the new PTO president and Tash Cozens remains treasurer. Eighth grad graduation is tonight and Field Day is Thursday.

6. **Old Business**— Discussed how to reach out to those who have left and let them know they are welcome back.

New Business— Nominations for new council members should be emailed to the church secretary. Artist and parishioner Laura Wofford donated a painting to the Altar Society. It will be hung outside the Reconciliation Room. The family currently in the rental house behind the Benedict House is leaving. There are plans for Fr John to move into it.

7. **Pastoral Comments by Fr John** – He has completed serving five years on the Diocesan School Board. He stated we are blessed to have strong school here. He did mass at the eighth grade retreat and was very encouraged by how vocal the students were in sharing what they've learned and experienced at Holy Souls School. The parish potentially had 50 school graduates, but we only saw three out of all four masses this weekend. This group should be included among those who've slipped away. The LR Diocese lost seven priests to death, moving, and retirement. He asked for prayers for those studying to become priests. He thanked Samantha Deneffe for all she has done and asked for prayers for the hiring of her replacement.

8. **Next Parish Council Meeting**—July 9th at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Stacey Matchett, Reporting Secretary