

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Our Lady of the Holy Souls Catholic Church
1003 N Tyler St
Little Rock, AR 72205
January 15, 2019**

1. Call to Order – 6:10 PM
2. Members Present: Fr John Marconi, Russell Hoerman, Shannon Callahan, Clark Wilkinson, Ben Baldwin, Marc Bagby, Brooke White
3. Guests Present: Susie Williams, Shelley Tienken, Becky Neighbors, Anomie Gonzalez, Stacey Matchett
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from the November meeting
5. Report of Committees/Commissions:

Finance & Administration – We made our December numbers, but are down for the year. However, we are still in great shape—our contributions are less than budgeted, but our expenses are down even more so. With the Capital Campaign \$2.7 million has been pledged with \$1.1 million collected. Another push for it was discussed that would include the school and new families.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Items funded by the Capital Campaign have begun. The HVAC work is complete and came in under budget. The work on the sound system has started. Lighting has been approved; once materials come in the work should start the middle of February.

Faith Formation – Wendy Floriani is now on staff as the Director of Youth Faith Formation. Praise report: RCIA had a few people had physical experiences during Adoration. A pilot program for Hospitality Ministers (Greeters) began in December.

Social Concerns – The committee reported that the church had a successful Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive as well as a successful Angel Tree project. So much food was donated in November by the school that it covered the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

Parish Life – Holy Souls will host Lenten Lunches on March 8 and April 12. The Men’s Club Shrimp and Oyster dinner event was successful, but down a little from previous years. The Men’s Club will host three fish fries during Lent. Holy Sews has hired two fundraising coordinators by utilizing grant money. In 2018 Holy Sews Little Rock Chapter has donated 2,556 layettes to hospitals and funeral homes. A group in Quebec, Canada has requested to start a chapter.

PTO – Anomie Gonzalez gave an update on Catholic Schools Week. Special activities are planned for each day. The book fair will be going on all that week. The specialty teachers will be focusing on the history of Holy Souls during that week.

Old Business— No old business.

New Business— No new business.

Fr John – Fr Francis is now located in Jonesboro and he is not sure when another priest will replace him. He is thankful for all those who worked hard during the Christmas season. There was standing room only in the hall for both afternoon masses. He recently went on a retreat and was very blessed. The Holy Land trip is upcoming in February.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM
Stacey Matchett, Reporting Secretary