

IHM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2018

Present were: Father Bob Sims, Council members John Creamer, James Gilroy, Ellen Healey, Beth Leonard, Erin Lewis, and Mike Ruppert, Finance Council member Jim Elias, and staff members Anna Harvey and Ronda Swartz.

Father Bob opened with a prayer at 7:05 pm. The September minutes were approved and will be communicated through the parish web site. It was clarified that Mike Ruppert was serving for an additional year because of his time as president elect, and Jarod Brown's term as past president was also for one year.

President James Gilroy requested that members come to the November meeting with one or two ideas for the Council to focus on during the coming year.

Erin led the discussion on bylaws revisions. One sentence on the Council's role in the budgeting process was eliminated. It was agreed to continue specifying a one-year term for officers, with option for a second term, instead of two-year terms as proposed earlier. These edits were completed. Two-thirds of the voting members approved the amendments electronically on October 19.

Beth Leonard was elected as President-Elect for the current year.

The School Commission had requested an opinion on standardizing merchandise in connection with athletics and the school and possibly regulating use of the IHM logo. Anna will follow up with Paula Ryan and bring back recommendations.

Members were encouraged to nominate parishioners online for the Spirit of IHM awards to be made at the annual dinner on January. Nominations are due by November 11.

Anna reported that the E-Blast to the parish which included statistics, year-end financial report, and report on the survey was very well received by parishioners in all age groups. Members were encouraged to elicit feedback on the effectiveness of the E-Blast. The PICA audit by the Archdiocese will occur on October 29 and 30. Many improvements to internal controls and business processes have been implemented since the last audit three years ago. The parish also met its goal for the United Catholic Appeal last year and hopes for the same this year. Jim and Anna commented that September financial statements are complete and IHM is, overall, on track with the 2018-19 budget. A forecast for the full year will be made after the December financials are finished, but currently no deviations from plan are expected.

Father Bob commented on the status of the St. John Bosco Center, noting that delays over the summer pushed the expected completion date back several months. Also, plans for

significant renovation of the parish office, including adding more public space, are being reviewed and updated. This project will start in 2019 and be funded by cash and investment reserves which have been built up over several years. Jim commented that the Finance Council is working on projections for this and other capital projects.

James stressed the need for leadership in the Technology Committee. He directed members to bring suggestions to the November meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

All members:	1-2 ideas for Council sense of purpose.	November meeting
All members:	Technology Committee leadership.	November meeting
All members:	Nominations for Spirit of IHM.	By November 11
All members:	Reactions to E-Blast from parishioners	November meeting
Anna:	Recommendation on logo use	November meeting

Next meeting: November 14, 2018, 7:00 pm in the library.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Healey, Secretary