

## **IHM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 22, 2018**

Present were: Father Bob Sims, Council members James Gilroy, Ellen Healey, Erin Lewis, Jarod Brown, Paul Ainslie, Jim Elias, Adriana Ratterman, Steve Robinson, and Staff members Anna Harvey, Ronda Swartz, and Kyle Murphy.

Retiring President Jarod Brown called the meeting to order at 7: 07. Father Bob opened with a prayer.

New members Adriana Ratterman (School Commission), Paul Ainslie (Outreach Commission) and Erin Lewis (appointed at-large) were introduced. Jarod Brown was named by Father Bob as an at-large member. The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

James Gilroy was elected as President for the coming year. Ellen Healey continues as Secretary. The President-Elect will be chosen at the next meeting; members were asked to make recommendations for this position.

Urgently needed By-laws revisions will be drawn up by Erin Lewis, assisted by Ellen Healey and Steve Robinson. Some Commissions will become Committees, their chairpersons no longer members of the Council.

Father Bob's response to the painful situation of the Church as a result of the recent Pennsylvania revelations was discussed. Various options were considered, and a statement on the week-end of August 25 at the Masses was deemed most appropriate. The topic could also be included in Prayers of the Faithful during the Masses. This was not possible on the preceding week-end because Maryknoll missionaries spoke at all Masses.

Business Manager Anna Harvey suggested an E-Blast from the Council to the parish in the near future with a summary of accomplishments for the preceding year and results of the survey. The Archdiocese is requesting that Parish Council minutes be published on the web site and that attendance at meetings be monitored. In October, a Parish Internal Control Audit (PICA) team will visit IHM and evaluate all procedures. This will last two days and occurs every three years. PICA is helpful in making sure the parish is in compliance with Archdiocesan requirements. IHM has greatly improved in this area in the last few years.

Jim Elias noted that the Finance Commission has reviewed and approved financial statements for June 30 and July 31. The June 30 statements were for the end of the fiscal year and showed net income of approximately \$17,000. The July 31 statements were for the first month of the new fiscal year with relatively little activity to report. Jim noted that a parish annual report is being prepared and should be shared with the parish in September. Finally, Jim commented on the Finance Commission plans to develop long-term plans for capital and other projects.

A meeting was scheduled for October 17 at 7:00. The September meeting will be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Healey, Secretary