

**IHM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018**

Present were: Father Bob Sims, Council members Jared Brown, John Creamer, Ellen Healey, Beth Leonard and Erin Lewis, Finance Council member Jim Elias, and staff members Anna Harvey and Ronda Schwartz. President James Gilroy participated by phone.

Father Bob opened with a prayer at 11:10. The August minutes were approved.

James Gilroy outlined several areas of concern. First, he looked for transparency with the parish and for revision of the Bylaws and abiding by the rules therein. Second, election results for the Council and Commissions should be communicated to the parish by E-blast. Third, a short financial summary should be sent to the parish the same way by the end of September.

Results of the parish survey done last year should also be communicated.

James and Jim expressed concern about the burden on the staff for Council business. and called for redefinition of the roles of the Council and the staff. Governing is the job of the Council, with the staff free to ask for guidance from the Council when needed.

The following dates for Council meetings for the year were set. Meetings will start at 7:00 except for December which will be 6:00, and the location will be the library.

October 17  
November 14  
December 12  
January 23  
February 20  
March 20  
April 10  
May 15  
June 19

The suggestion was made for the minutes to include at the end a list of tasks to be done and who is responsible, with a target date for completion.

Erin led a protracted discussion of suggested bylaws changes. These may be voted on at the next meeting. Also at the next meeting, a president-elect will be chosen.

Tasks: Erin Lewis    Bylaw revisions. By October 10  
         Jim Elias      Year End Financial Report. End of September

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Healey Secretary