

IHM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2019

Present were: Father Bob Sims, Council members John Creamer, James Gilroy, Ellen Healey, Beth Leonard and Erin Lewis, Finance Council member Jim Elias, staff members Anna Harvey and Ronda Swartz. Visitors included Mark Urban, Brandy Manetta, and Allison Lechleiter.

James Gilroy opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Father Bob offered the opening prayer. The minutes of the December meeting were approved. James reported that progress was being made regarding the proposed Technology Committee thanks to Mike Kaplan and Mark Urban.

Brandy Manetta and Allison Lechleiter, co-chairs for the Illumination fundraiser to be held in November, 2019, outlined initial plans for the event. They looked to set a lesser monetary goal and wider participation of non-school families, including those with children in other schools and parishioners with no school age children. There had been a misconception in the past that it was purely a fund raiser for the school. Possibilities for Fund-a-Need included additional security, possibly enhanced lighting on the property, or new bleachers in the Activity center. Anna Harvey noted that the need should be practical, exciting, and appealing to different kinds of people. The Finance Council and the Parish Council will approve decisions in the future.

When asked about progress with the St. John Bosco center renovation, Anna cited some delays from the Archdiocese, as funds were coming from the IHM account held there. February 19 appears to be the new completion date. It was suggested that there be a bulletin announcement on this topic.

Mark Urban presented a wide-ranging study being conducted by a group charged with enhancing safety on the property, particularly at the school. They have reached out to the North Deanery, individual schools including St. Joan of Arc, Chatard, and Cathedral and consulted surveys done by Safe Haven International. Funding for some school safety endeavors are available from the State of Indiana, which could finance 50% of certain costs. A grant proposal for this purpose may be presented to the state in March.

James requested comments from members by Friday January 25 on his recent letter to Commission and Committee heads regarding their relationship with the Council.

James briefly outlined thoughts on strategic planning which would involve a small working team looking at objectives and strategies for achieving them.

Erin Lewis has developed a style guide for use of the IHM logo which includes use of the IHM name, approved logos, phrases/slogans on jersey names, and a vendor list. A final version of the guide will be provided to the Council for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday February 20, 7:00 pm in the library

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Healey, Secretary