

**IHM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 2019**

Present were: Father Bob Sims, Council members John Creamer, James Gilroy, Ellen Healey, Beth Leonard, Erin Lewis, and Mike Ruppert. School Commission president Adrianna Ratterman also attended, along with Finance Council member Jim Elias and Principal Ronda Swartz.

James Gilroy opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. Father Bob offered the opening prayer. The minutes of the January meeting were approved. The meeting in February had been cancelled.

Father Bob invited members to a meeting at Chatard High School on Tuesday March 26 at 7:00 pm sponsored by the Archdiocese. The subject is “Ten Things Disciples of Jesus Would Do.” Father Bob, James Gilroy, and Ellen Healey will attend.

Jim Elias reported that the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year is 90% complete. Approval by the School Commission and the Finance Council will be made in April, with the approval by the Parish Council expected in May. Commission heads might also be encouraged to attend this meeting as guests. The current fiscal year financial results are projected to end the year at or better than budget.

Adrianna Ratterman summarized the presentation on school safety which had been presented by Mark Urban to the Council in January. She requested approval by the Council to initiate the process of hiring a School Resource Officer. An in-depth discussion followed, including the cost for this position, possible reimbursement by the State of Indiana for some of the cost, experiences of other schools, and possibility of sharing this position with St. Joan of Arc Parish. The Council voted to approve the process and recommended discussions with St. Joan of Arc.

Jim Elias outlined general plans for the renovation of the Parish Office. The building (formerly the rectory) dates from 1949, so major renovations are needed. Staff offices will be moved upstairs, with the lower level serving as a Welcome Center. The estimated project budget is \$700,000, with a majority of the funds already on hand. While some fundraising will be necessary, a capital campaign is not anticipated.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Healey, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 10, 2019, 7:00 pm in the library**