

IHM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2019

Present were: Father Bob Sims; Council members John Creamer, James Gilroy, Ellen Healey, Beth Leonard, and Erin Lewis; Jim Elias, Finance Council ; and Ronda Swartz, School Principal. John Bannister and JoJo Murphy, new elected members of the Council for the coming fiscal year, attended as guests.

President James Gilroy opened the meeting at 7:03 pm. Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

James Gilroy outlined the principal work of the Council during the year. Bylaws were reviewed and revised. A significant change in organization of the Council was the cessation of membership on the Council by Commission and Committee chairs. The relationship of the Council with the Commissions and Committee chairs is a work in progress to be clarified in the coming year. School and parish safety measures were considered, including approval to hire a School Resource Officer. Budget processes were clarified with more transparency effected. Completion of the St. John Bosco Center was significant. Use of IHM logos was standardized. Work on a strategic plan for the parish was deferred to the coming year.

It was moved and seconded to approve the revised bylaws of the Athletic Commission. The vote was unanimous.

It was moved and seconded to elect Beth Leonard as incoming president and to re-elect Ellen Healey as secretary. The vote was unanimous. Incoming president-elect will be chosen in the August meeting.

Jim Elias reported for the Finance Council that the fiscal year will close on June 30. The Parish School, PTO and Athletic Commission are all expected to finish in line with the budget. Overall, we had some favorable results during the year and were able to make some additional investments in facilities and technology beyond the original plan. The 2019-2020 budgets were approved by Father Bob in May and submitted to the Archdiocese.

First meeting for the next fiscal year was set for August 14, 2019, 7:00 pm in the library. Subsequent meeting dates for the year will be determined at the August meeting.

Father Bob named the development of a strategic plan for the parish as a primary goal for the coming year, with increased involvement of parishioners (especially newcomers) in parish activities a hoped-for result. Changes are coming in parish life in connection with the ongoing shortage of priests and need to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Healey, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 pm, in the library

