

## **IHM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2019**

Present were: Father Bob Sims; Council members John Bannister, Ellen Healey, Beth Leonard, Erin Lewis and JoJo Murphy; Jim Elias, Finance Council; and Anna Harvey, Business Manager.

President Beth Leonard opened the meeting at 7:06 pm. Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Beth summarized an earlier meeting with Father Bob regarding overall plans for the year. Establishing a theme for the year, arranging connections between the Council and the Commissions/Committees, and a wider involvement of parishioners in IHM activities were priorities.

“Prayerfully making God known, loved and served” was chosen as a theme for the year.

To further relations with the Commissions/Committees, chairs of each entity will be invited to the Council meeting on September 18, 2019 for orientation. A five- minute presentation by each organization regarding plans for the year will be required. A copy of Council bylaws will be provided. Each group will be assigned a Council member as a liaison throughout the year, as follows:

Athletics:	Erin Lewis
Facilities:	James Gilroy
Faith Formation:	Ellen Healey
Liturgy:	Father Bob
Outreach:	JoJo Murphy
School:	John Creamer
Stewardship	Jim Elias
Technology:	John Bannister

Father Bob reiterated his priority of wider participation of parishioners, as more volunteers are needed in several areas. Integrating new members more effectively is a need. Recent parishioner Annette Clary envisions a new approach, such as periodic informal gatherings in a home. The idea of seeking out people rather than just asking for volunteers will be explored.

Election of a President-Elect was postponed to a later meeting.

Jim Elias and Anna presented the finance report. IHM ended its fiscal year favorable to its budget for the parish, school, and related organizations. A full annual report will be published next month. Both the parish and the school were able to complete several key projects including the John Bosco Center, school computer purchases, and bathroom updates.

Anna circulated IHM's annual corporate documents required by the archdiocese and state law. Anna will coordinate the necessary signatures.

The Council discussed the proposed Welcome Center renovation project. This had been approved by the Council in March. The Facilities Committee and Finance Council had previously approved. Approval conditioned on a final project plan and updated budget. Jim and Anna will contact the Facilities Committee and coordinate an updated plan and budget for the October Council meeting.

Ellen Healey summarized the investigation on school safety conducted last year by the School Commission and its Safety Committee. A careful search resulted in the hiring of David ("Dino") Farrell as School Resource Officer. He will participate in all facets of safety for the school. A grant from the State of Indiana provides partial funding for the position and other safety initiatives.

Meeting dates for 2019 were set at 7:00 pm on September 18, October 23, and November 20, and at 6:00 pm on December 11.

Discussion of strategic planning was deferred pending consultation with James Gilroy, who was unable to attend the current meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Notice to Commission/Committee Chairs regarding  
September meeting - Beth  
Long-range plan from Finance Council  
for October meeting – Jim**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Ellen Healey, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 7:00 pm in the library**