

IHM Parish Council Minutes  
October 25, 2022  
Start Time: 7:03 PM

Present were: John Bannister, Toni Sander, Emily Bannister, George Snyder, Chris Kolakovich, Jim Elias, John Borgo, Ute Eble, Father Bob, Emily Campbell, Cindy Harkness, Anna Harvey, John Creamer

Opened meeting with prayer by Cindy Harkness

Minutes of previous meeting were approved following a motion by Toni Sander, seconded by John Borgo. Passed unanimously.

A. School Update

- a. Chris Kolakovich reported the school year is off to a good start, they just ended the first quarter. He reported there will be an Open House tomorrow morning from 8:30 – 10:30 am, and another open house planned November 13 after the 9:30 mass. Chris also reported Parent Teacher meetings will be next week.
- b. Emily Campbell reported the School Commission is working through the Strategic Plan. So far, the School Commission has gotten through 7 of the 13 standards.

B. Father Bob Remarks

- a. Father Bob reported Oktoberfest was a great success with plenty of beer and not enough food but that will be addressed moving forward.

C. Objectives for 2022-2023 Year

- a. School Enrollment
  - i. Marketing Committee – John Borgo, Alex Rodman on the School side has done an amazing job. Parish is catching up with Rose Fine on social media posts, informational, educational, and relational/engagement posts
  - ii. Anna Harvey reported Rose Fine is working on the Parish Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts to post 3-4 times a week. The parish social media accounts are starting to grow.
- b. Mass Attendance
  - i. Anna Harvey noticed that there was a little bit of a fall off of attendance and stewardship at weekend masses. She reported the parish staff is going to do a count at each mass this weekend to compare to this time last year and decide if weekly counts should start again.

D. State of the Parish Update at Mass

- a. Jim Elias read a draft version of the consolidated annual report to be presented as the State of the Parish on November 5 and 6. The council shared additional ideas to include in the address. Jim Elias will send out an updated version for final comments from the Parish Council before it is presented to the Parish.

E. Finance Report

- a. Jim Elias reported the Finance committee will meet this on Thursday, nothing extraordinary is expected.

F. Director of Religious Education Update

- a. Ute Eble reported there are 53 women in Walking with Purpose. First Reconciliation will be on November 10 and Faith Firsts are planned through February.

F. Council Member Reports from Commissions:

- a. John Borgo reported on behalf of the Athletic Commission that fall sports are wrapping up and the gym floor was fixed recently. John will try to get the chairperson to attend next month.