

IHM Parish Council Minutes
January 25, 2022
Start Time: 7:02 PM

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

Motion to approve the minutes by Toni Sander. Seconded by Cindy Harkness. Passed unanimously.

Opening Prayer – Emily Bannister

- A. School Update – Chris Kolakovich
 - a. Chris Kolakovich reported enrollment is going on for current families. The school is getting ready for Catholic Schools Week. Chris also reported the Wee Warriors will be starting again and the email announcing this went out today.
 - b. Chris reported the School Commission is moving forward with the Strategic Plan and is progressing nicely.
- B. Father Bob Remarks and Transition Plan
 - a. Father Bob reported the February 28 Parish Council Meeting will include a member of the Archdiocese's Priest Personnel Board attending to interview the council. The parish staff and Father Bob will also be interviewed.
- C. Objectives for 2022-2023 Year – John Bannister
 - a. Anna Harvey reported enrollment is at 390 students this year and the school is hoping 400 students will be enrolled next year.
 - b. Anna Harvey reported they have stopped formally counting mass attendance, but masses have been full at 9:30 and 11:15 on Sundays.
- D. Finance Report – Jim Elias and Anna Harvey
 - a. Jim Elias reported the Finance Commission met on Monday and approved the December statements. Currently projected to be at or better than budget for the Parish and School. The School Budget has seen improvement in enrollment which has offset any increase in expenses.
- E. Director of Religious Education Update – Ute Eble
 - a. Ute Eble reported the Youth Minister role has been difficult to fill. IHM is unique in the fact that students go on to a Catholic High School where they have a separate campus ministry that does a good job of teaching them how to live a Christian life. However, IHM would still like to have a connection with the High School students. Ute reported the Parish Staff created a job description for some to help to advertise to the middle school students at IHM and the campus ministry at the local Catholic High Schools for a stipend.
 - b. Ute reported the Liturgy Committee has been revived and that she will put Toni Sander in touch with the committee.
 - c. Ute also reported a Lenten study will be offered to the whole parish and will kick off at the Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday. First Communion and Confirmation are progressing nicely.

F. Council Member Reports from Commissions:

- a. Anna Harvey reported the Facilities Commission is trying to get the acoustic tiles set up in the Gathering Space over Spring Break.
- b. Emily Bannister reported the Family Life and Faith Formation Commission is planning Guess Who is Coming to Dinner for June 10.