

IHM Parish Council Minutes
March 22, 2023
Start Time: 7:03 PM

Present were: George Snyder, Chris Kolakovich, Cindy Harkness, Kristi Gaynor, John Bannister, John Creamer, Ute Eble, John Borgo, Toni Sander, Emily Bannister, Anna Harvey

Opened meeting with prayer by Cindy Harkness

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

A. School Update – Chris Kolakovich

- a. Chris Kolakovich reported the School Commission is continuing to work on updating the School's Strategic Plan. The School Commission has finished the surveys that went out to staff, parents, and students, and is in the process of going through the feedback and organizing into areas that scored well and areas that need improvement. The next step is for the School Commission to refine the goal areas which they are hoping to complete by June.
- b. Chris Kolakovich reported the Day of Service will be on April 13 for the school for 3rd through 8th graders to go out into the community. Kindergarten through 2nd graders will also support the community while staying at the school.

B. Kristi Gaynor provided the Bishop Chatard 2023 Accountability Report.

C. Father Bob Transition Plan Update – Anna Harvey

- a. Anna Harvey reported that Father Bob requested a "Fall Fest" similar format on June 24 after 5:30 mass for his retirement celebration. Anna Harvey suggested a "gratitude book" be created for Father Bob that parishioners can contribute to and sign after masses on the weekends of June 10 and June 17.
- b. Anna Harvey will ask Chris Kolakovich if the school plans to do something as well at the staff meeting on Friday.

D. 2023-2024 Election Preparation – John Bannister and George Snyder

- a. The Parish Council agreed the Ministry Fair should be held on April 22 and 23.
- b. John Creamer will be rolling off Parish Council at the end of this semester. The Parish Council will have one elected position for the election this year.
- c. Anna Harvey will talk to Julie Tomich about the parish election preparations tomorrow.

E. Finance Report – Anna Harvey

- a. Anna Harvey reported we are running better than budget as of YTD February. The financials were approved on Monday, March 20 by the Finance Commission. Anna Harvey reported the 2023 – 2024 budget creation is under way, we will likely have a draft of the budget next Parish Council meeting.

F. Director of Religious Education Update – Ute Eble

- a. Ute Eble reported there is a National Eucharistic Revival going on. There will be a Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in 2024. Ute would like the Parish Council to start to brainstorm ways for IHM to participate in the revival. There will be an event at St

Luke on April 26 that Ute would like members of the Parish Council to attend if they are available.

- b. Ute Eble reported Confirmation will be on April 26 and First Communion will be on April 29, Vacation Bible School will be June 26 – 29.