

IHM Parish Council Minutes
August 23, 2023
Start Time: 7:05 PM

Present were: Father Pat, George Snyder, Andrew O'Brien, Jim Elias, Ute Eble, Paula Schaefer, Toni Sander, Cindy Harkness, John Borgo, Anna Harvey

Opened meeting with prayer by Father Pat

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

- A. Welcome New Members – George Snyder
 - a. All members agreed proposed changes to the Parish Council bylaws looked good and to bring the updated bylaws to the next meeting for final approval.
- B. Update to Agenda – Father Pat
 - a. Oktoberfest Fund-a-Need discussion led to new tables and chairs for the gym recommended by the Parish Council as this year's Fund-a-Need.
- C. Word on the Street – Father Pat asking council members for input on what current issues/topics need discussion
 - a. The Parish Council feels there has been a good representation of young adults at mass and the "New Warrior" signs have been a nice addition to the neighborhood.
- D. School Update – Chris Kolakovich
 - a. Chris Kolakovich reported there 402 students enrolled at the school this year, 72 are new students. He also reported 76 of 239 families applied for the Indiana Choice Scholarship. A security officer has been hired as a contractor during school hours. Chris Kolakovich also reported 100% of the third grade passed IREAD.
- E. 2022-23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING
 - a. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Board of Directors met on August 23, 2023 at 7PM in the Parish Conference Room. Fr. Pat Beidelman, George Synder, and Jim Elias (board members) were present. The Annual Report was reviewed by the Treasurer, Jim Elias and recommended the approval and submission of the Annual Report to the Archdiocese. The Finance Commission also approved the Annual Report at their respective August meeting. All members of the Parish Council completed the Conflict of Interest survey and the contracts from the prior fiscal year were reviewed and executed by parish staff and Fr. Bob.
- F. Director of Religious Education Update – Ute Eble
 - a. Ute Eble reported she needed some help finding teachers for Sunday Family Faith, especially for the fifth and sixth grade class. Ute Eble will be incorporating Eucharistic Revival programs in the Parish this year. It would be nice to have a

parishioner be a point person to advocate for the Eucharistic Congress/Revival. Ute Eble reported a Marriage Enrichment program is in the works as is looking for a Youth Minister.

G. Council Members Reports from Commissions

- a. Outreach – Paula will be this year’s liaison for this commission.

H. Scheduling of prayer leaders for future meetings

- a. Sept 27 – George
- b. Oct 25 – John Borgo
- c. Nov 29 – Paula
- d. Jan 24 – Anna
- e. Feb 28 – Cindy
- f. Mar/Apr (tentative 4/10) – Toni
- g. May 22 – John Bannister

I. Parish Council needs to start discussing the next President.

Next Meeting: September 27, 2023