

Minutes
IHM Parish Council Meeting
Parish Office Conference Room
February 28th, 2024
7:00 PM

Start Time: 7:02pm

Present were: George Snyder, Lee Rhea, Fr Pat Beidelman, Paula Schaeffer, John Borgo, Anna Harvey, Jim Roe (remote), Kristi Gaynor (guest), Mike Wessel, Cindy Harkness

Opening Prayer – George Snyder

- A. Kristi Gaynor-annual North Deanery High School Update
 - a. Bishop Chatard update – IHM tithing provides discount to BC students
 - i. Overall IHM school graduates are above average scholastically
 - ii. 729 students this year – 206 paid students incoming at least for '24-25
- B. Approval of Previous Minutes – January meeting
 - a. Motion by John Borgo, seconded by Paula Schaefer
- C. Key question/issue for discussion: from your perspective, name a key issue that needs to be considered in future strategic/master planning
 - a. John Borgo – criteria for school enrollment/application
 - b. Jim Roe – future planning for graduating student pathways and long-term strategic plan for IHM school enrollment expansion
 - c. Mike Wessel – facility planning/depreciation/master plan
 - d. Anna Harvey – definition of active parishioner
 - e. Fr Pat – specialization of Mens ministry planning with a focus on faith formation
 - i. Overall master spirituality parish master plan
 - ii. Develop ministry of sick/homebound parishioners
 - iii. Develop ministry for youth/young adults
- D. Approval “Consent” Agenda
 - a. Business Manager – Anna Harvey
 - i. Paula Schaefer – discussion of moving organ from altar to balcony
 - ii. Baptismal font needs permanent location on altar
 - b. Liturgy/Volunteer – Toni Sander (not present)
 - i. Lent/Easter planning ongoing – advancing well
 - ii. Tabled Parish appreciation volunteer discussion until April mtg
 - c. Athletics – John Bannister
 - i. Nominations for CYO volunteer awards complete
 - d. Outreach – Paula Schaefer
 - i. New leader – Ed Spahr will be chair of Outreach Commission
 - e. School Commission – Chris Kolakovich (not present)
 - f. Facilities – John Borgo
 - i. Outdoor lighting project – solidifying quotes

- a. Matches Illumination contribution
- g. Finance – Mike Wessel

- E. Word on the Street – Father Pat asks council members to share what they have been hearing around the community – can be positive and areas for improvement
 - a. Small group formation
 - i. Over 50 groups (350 participants signed up)
 - b. Parish mission successful – 80 to 100 each night
 - c. Middle school to high school transition
 - d. Fr Pat discussed parish members bringing mass structure concerns
 - i. Would like to continue open door to bring discussion items/concerns to him
 - ii. Possible creation of parish town hall
 - e. Summer mass schedule survey results discussed
 - f. Social media presence paying dividends
 - g. Baptism changes receiving positive feedback

F. Discussion Items from Council Members

Closing Prayer from Fr Pat – Glory Be

Meeting ended 8:09pm

Next Meeting: April 10, 2024