

IHM Parish Council Minutes  
Parish Office Conference Room  
January 24, 2024  
7:00 PM

Start Time: 7:06 PM

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

Opening Prayer – Anna Harvey

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes – November meeting
  - a. October Meeting minutes motioned to be approved by John Bannister, seconded by Paula Schaefer. Approved unanimously
  
- B. Key question/issue for discussion: parish engagement in the Small Group Initiative-What are you hearing from the community about this opportunity?
  - a. People might be hesitant to form own group or join a small group that they don't know the people; big group offering is a good idea
  - b. 90 signed up so far (10-12 small groups and some joining the large sessions); would like to see 300 or so
  - c. Recommended to be high school and above age; 5-8 people per group
  - d. Provide a Zoom option that does not have a time limit
  - e. Facilitator education Feb 10<sup>th</sup>; try to get it to an hour
    - i. Have an option for folks who join later
  - f. Socialize the types of groups available
  
- C. Approval "Consent" Agenda
  - a. Liturgy
    - i. Planning for Holy Week is coming soon
  - b. Business Manager
    - i. John Bannister did not receive the invite. Check for correct email.
  - c. Facilities
    - i. Father Pat will share link to the video about the campus lighting project with PC
    - ii. Report issues to Anna and she'll inform Tom/Brock
  - d. Athletics
    - i. Research how often the gym floor is cleaned because coaches are reporting poor conditions. Anna is find out.
  
- D. 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. A lot of negative chatter about kindergarten enrollment
    - i. Are there any expansion plans? No.
    - ii. What we need:
      - 1. To have a bigger broader convo to flesh out a master plan for properties and facilities;
      - 2. vision for school;

3. strategic plan;
4. first things first, need to revisit enrollment criteria/priority and make changes (sooner than later)

E. Discussion Items from Council Members

Next Meeting: February 28, 2024