

AGENDA
IHM Parish Council Meeting
Parish Office Conference Room
April 10th, 2024
7:00 PM

Start Time: 7:02pm

Present were: George Snyder, Lee Rhea, Father Pat, Paula Schaefer, John Bannister, John Borgo, Andrew O'Brien (Brebeuf), Cindy Harkness, Toni Sander

Opening Prayer – Toni Sander – Our Father

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes – February meeting
 - a. Motion by John Borgo, Second by Jim Roe
- B. Key question/issue for discussion: Why do people fall away from Sunday Mass?
 - a. How can the council find out why a broader audience may fall away from mass
 - b. Generational changes in daily routines may not revolve around mass plans
 - c. Vitality/welcoming of families with children
 - d. Disconnect between monthly donation schedules vs mass attendance contributions
 - e. Developing personal priorities, habits
 - f. How to communicate the benefit of the power of the Eucharist
 - i. [Special report: Why Catholics leave; why Catholics stay \(pillaratholic.com\)](https://www.pillaratholic.com)
 - g. Discussion of a formal parish survey of mass attendance philosophy
 - i. Develop results into strategic plan
 - h. Encouraging self-activation on a personal level that can transition to mass
 - i. [Hallow - #1 App for Christian & Catholic Prayer, Meditation, Bible + Sleep](#)
 - i. Reduced membership for school families to activate with electronic study
- C. Approval "Consent" Agenda
 - a. Business Manager
 - i. Budget process development
 - b. Facilities
 - i. Gathering Space AV installed
 - ii. Fire Marshall vetoed organ move
 - c. Outreach
 - d. Liturgy
 - i. Parish Appreciation Discussion
 - 1. Reduced uptake of recognition pathways from individual families
 - 2. Proposal of hiatus until after Eucharistic Congress
 - 3. Transition to next Parish Council representative
- 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. Holy week
 - i. Easter vigil well received – extended hours in future years
 - b. Small group – including non-catholic parishioners
 - c. Parishioner feedback from mass – feeling like being preached to vs invited in

- i. Almost never hear constructive feedback – only praise
- ii. How to constructively preach vs teach

E. Discussion Items from Council Members

- a. Parish Elections 2024
 - i. May 11-12th
 - ii. Anna to send out Leadership Volunteer Packet
 - iii. Need individual mass ballot collectors for that weekends mass
 - iv. 3 open council seats for 2024-25 election season
- b. Deacon – St Barnabus seminarian assigned to IHM for summer

Closing Prayer: Glory Be

Time ended: 8:22pm

Next Meeting: May 22, 2024