

AGENDA
IHM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2024
7:00 PM
Parish Office Conference Room

Meeting Attendees: George Snyder, Pat Beidelman, Ralph Nowak, Paula Schaefer, Pat Rodgers, Andrew O'Brian, Jim Roe, Ann Wojtalik, Cindy Harkness, Anna Harvey

Opening Time: 7:00pm

Opening Prayer – Ralph Nowak

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes – **minutes for October meeting were tabled to January meeting due death in family of PC secretary.**
- B. Key question/issue for discussion: How are interviews progressing? Any initial feedback on interviews? Questions about the process? Additional thoughts to develop the three questions:
 1. **Where are we today?** What are the challenges and opportunities we face as the Church of Jesus Christ at Immaculate Heart of Mary in the third decade of the 2020s? (Attentive listening.)
 2. **Where is God calling us to be?** Where is the Holy Spirit leading us? (Prayerful discernment.)
 3. **How will we get there together?** What concrete actions must we take to arrive at the destination planned for us in God's Providence? (Collaborative Engagement.)

Some interviewees are responding they really want to help but are too busy now during the holiday season. PC agreed to extend time for interviews and responses to mid-January. Several members report that they are just getting started with their interviews.

- C. Consent Agenda – **this issue was also tabled to the January meeting for the same reason as the minutes. A few brief updates were provided.**
 1. **The finance committee did a full year forecast and as of mid-November numbers are \$35,000 over budget.**
 2. **Still waiting for grant money from Homeland Security**
 3. **Some overages on estimates for repairs and maintenance.**

4. **Backlog on stewardship**
 5. **All census reports are complete – 453 reports**
 6. **Mid year letters for stewardship and active parishioner status were mailed and the parish office received great feedback**
 7. **Discussion was held about the importance of active parishioner status**
 8. **25% of parishioners do not financially contribute to IHM**
 9. **Already have 68 complete kindergarten applications for '25-'26 school year.**
 10. **Need new school social worker, 2 days per week**
- D. Share (3) honorees for Spirit of IHM award. **Carey and Carol Jean Kingston-Landry, Lisa Kelley, John Bannister. Event to be held on 1/11/25.**
- 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
1. **No one is registering to take up the gifts during mass**
 2. **Archdiocesan mass at St. Malachy for high school seniors. Approx. 1,200 student attended.**
- F. Discussion items from council members **The Universal Church is beginning a Jubilee year. This one will mark the birth of Christ. Further discussions to be held about how we will celebrate as a parish.**

Next meeting: January 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.