MINUTES
IHM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2026
7:00 PM
Parish Office Conference Room

Attendees: Lee Rhea, Patrick Rodgers, Marc Kemen, Sue Foxx, Ralph Nowak, Ben Kuflewski, Bryan McCarthy, Matt Tyner, Anna Gilley, Ann Wojtalik, Anna Harvey

Meeting Began: 7:00pm

Opening Prayer – Matt Tyner

A. Key question/issue for discussion:
1. Spirit of IHM
a. Setting & Confirming Chair People
- Discussion of possible chairpersons
- Parishioners with backgrounds specializing in managing events
b. Overall Approach for Event
- Paired down overall event
- Move away from videos, simpler logistics of evening overall
- Changing discernment process for award recipients
- Active/vibrant parishioners
- Discern involvement of alcohol/cocktails
- Broaden appeal by simplifying and clarifying purpose of evening
- Encourage monthly groups to reschedule January meeting to Spirit for the month in lieu of normal schedule
2. Strategic Plan
a. Updating Key Contacts
b. Assigning Focus Areas – changing point persons for ’26-’27 Council Session
- Foundation Building (facilities/maintenance) – Lee
- Culture of Giving – Marc Kemen
- Communication with Liturgical Ministries – Sue Foxx
- Inventory and Assess Outreach Offerings – Anna Gilley
c. Next Quarterly Report-Out to Fr Pat in October
3. Parish Council Bylaws
a. Establish Plan to Review & Update
- Bryan and Matt to review and advise council
b. Identify Key Roles for Review

B. Consent Agenda

1. Please Provide Key Updates
    - Newcomers Brunch in November – Council Members invited to attend
    - Feast Day for Our Lady of Guadalupe in December – invitations upcoming
    - Annual Report (Finance Commission) to be published in October
    - Ben Kuflewski to assist with Athletic Commission reporting
2. Questions for Committee/Council Representatives

C. Approval of Previous Minutes –8.20.26 Meeting

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

- high involvement in Confirmation, OCIA, Young Parishioner Ministries
- Ed Spahr will receive Acolyte ministry
- Search ongoing for Facilities Management position
- Two October Saturday masses moving to 4pm for event purposes (Octoberfest + Halloween)

E. Discussion items from council members

Next meeting: October 22, 2026 @ 7PM

Meeting Ended: 7:56pm