

**IHMCS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES for the meeting of**  
**October 15, 2007**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Cheri Gardner, Jim Burrows, Ted Ceglia, Wendy Composto, Jim Cron, Tom Foley, Leslie Lohan, Ann Olson

After opening prayer, Ted welcomed everyone and stated that this meeting was primarily an orientation meeting for new members and a chance for everyone to get to know one another. Members introduced themselves and new members this year hold the following positions:

Tom Foley – Long Range Strategic Planning

Jim Cron - Development

Jim Burrows – Finance

Leslie Lohan – Chair of Home & School

Ted then passed out copies of the IHMCS Constitution, By-Laws and contact sheet and explained the general process that is followed by the Committee.

Cheri then welcomed everyone, thanked everyone for their commitment, and gave an overview of the school and how it relates to this Committee and the Parish. Of primary note was the receipt of the school accreditation last year whereby the school was very positively reviewed and received high marks in the following five areas:

1. Collaboration and leadership of the Pastor and Principal
2. Well qualified staff (all licensed and most obtained or in process of obtaining continuing education and advanced degrees)
3. The structure and policies of the School Advisory Committee and the Home & School Committee
4. Cleanliness of the school plant and equipment
5. Election procedures and written communication to parents and parishioners

Cheri stated there were currently 321 students enrolled.

Jim Burrows gave an overview of last year's fiscal period and this year's budget. Primarily due to tight expense control, delay in some capital outlays, and slightly higher enrollment, the school had a surplus for the year. This year's budget is projecting a slight deficit mainly due to higher transportation costs and the capital outlays delayed last year that will be expensed this year. Overall, last year's surplus should be more than enough to cover this year's deficit.

Leslie went over some upcoming events planned by Home & School, gave a recap of the Open House, and, most importantly, said the Annual Grand Celebration is off to a great start in both planning and the amount of gifts donated so far.

Ted gave the next few meeting dates to be: Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. After closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.