

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

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

After opening prayer, Ted submitted the minutes of the October 15th meeting for approval. Minutes were approved.

Cheri then gave the Principal's report and stated current enrollment stands at 319 with 32 additional in preschool. School tour activity has been increasing as it did last year at this time. The following other updates were given:

- The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success with children bringing in over double the amounts they did last year
- Student activities have kicked off and include: Fall sports, Chess Club, Extreme Legos, Math League and the Future City Competition
- Advent plans were underway and include weekly prayer services, service projects (Sojourner Shelter and Birthright), reconciliation services for grades 3-8, and advent activities integrated into religion classes.
- On Oct. 12, Pre-K and Kindergarten got to go to Emma Krumbees Apple Orchard and on Nov. 27th Grade 6 is off to the Science Museum
- Looking ahead we have: Dec. 17th- 8th Grade Catholic School quiz bowl; Dec. 20th – the Christmas Concert; and Dec 21st- in class Christmas parties.

Lastly, Cheri mentioned that Father Hipwell will be leaving the Parish in December. She stated his strong commitment to the School in both time and financial support were what made IHM a reality. At this point, a replacement has not been identified and timing is not known.

Jane Victorey and Jim Burrows discussed the financial results and stated that we are on budget year-to-date and just had some timing differences in payments. There are a few capital campaign donations still remaining but should be cleared up this year. A small amount may not be collected primarily due to job loss or relocations. Next steps are research into tuition rates for next year and possibly performing some extended forecast scenarios. One point that was evident was that we may need to look into the next capital campaign to extinguish the remaining portion of the school debt which stands at about \$600,000.

Tom stated that he would schedule a meeting with Brad Cook to transition the survey study work that was done late last year, and incorporate those findings into this year's long range plan.

Wendy gave a marketing overview which included many new ideas for advertising some of which include: EP Chamber of Commerce listings, relocation package inserts for realtors, Sun Sailor and/or EP News advertisements, and possibly a Timberwolves night. The Marketing team would research the time and money for each idea and present to the Council.

Jim Cron stated he would take the lead into researching the next capital campaign and in particular, discuss this with Jane and the Parish Council to coordinate future funding needs.

After the closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.