

**IHMCS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Wendy Composto, Jim Cron, Jim Gilliam, Cheri Gardner,  
Gerilyn Hausback, Stephanie Huss, Margaret Requet

After opening prayer, a brief introduction and welcome for the new Council members was given. Council bylaws and objectives were distributed to all Council members. Scheduled meetings will continue to occur on the second Thursday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

Cheri then gave the principal's report and stated current enrollment stands at 285 with 25 additional in pre-school. The following other updates were given:

- The IHM staff visited the Feed My Starving Children organization on August 26<sup>th</sup>. The staff packed up over 8,000 meals for children in need. Huge success!
- Most significant cost challenge for this year will be energy. The impact on total operating costs, especially as the winter session approaches, will need to be managed carefully.
- The school year is off to a good start. There has been a great deal of enthusiasm at the back to school night and Home and School open house.

Following the principal's report, a discussion followed which focused on Council priorities for 2008/2009. Development of a new capital campaign was discussed. It has been 5 years since our last campaign. Reduction or elimination of the remaining debt is a key priority, as well as ongoing support for needs such as technology. Other Council priorities will include bussing costs and general marketing initiatives to support enrollment.

After the closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.