

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 7:00 PM Conference Room

Present: Laura De Boisblanc, Paul Capetillo, Antonio Del Rosario, Fr. Hilbert, Kenn Kern, Marguerite Lucarelli, John Mancuso, Sabrina Ng, Letty Moss-Salentijn, Fr. Yesalonia.

Absent: Ben Denihan.

1. **Prayer.** Fr. Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes, 20 November 2024.** The members reviewed the November 20 Parish Council meeting minutes and the Pastor asked for any necessary emendations. The minutes were approved, as presented.
3. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia gave an update of various events and works of the parish, including, in no particular order:
 - a. **Annual Report.** The Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report is now available on the parish website. There was an operational deficit of \$200,000 covered by reserve funds.
 - b. **Fundraising.** The goal for this year's Cardinal's Appeal was \$349,000 and \$630,000 has already been received to date.
 - c. **Chanticleer Concerts.** The Chanticleer concerts have proved once again to be in-demand events for the holiday season. The December 6 concert sold out, and the December 8 concert was also close to selling out.
 - d. **School Enrollment.** It is recruiting season for the Lower Campus. Fr. Yesalonia is pleased to report that the volume of applications is higher than the previous year.
4. **Implementation Initiative - Update.** Kenn Kern is working to finalize the draft of the first parish update on the Implementation Plan initiatives roll-out. The finalized draft will be reviewed by the Parish Council before being made available to the parish. The goal is to present a status update on a bi-annual basis.
5. **Possible New Pastoral Associate.** Fr. Yesalonia is looking to create a new pastoral associate position focused on promoting Ignatian

spirituality. The candidate would organize all the spirituality programs at the parish, including but not limited to retreats, Meeting Christ in Prayer/Holy Listening, and spiritual direction. Fr. Yesalonia plans to consult Sr. Kathryn King, Kate Noonan, and his fellow parish priests to identify potential candidates.

6. **Possible Capital Campaign.** Fr. Yesalonia is considering a small capital campaign to fund needed renovations around the parish.
7. **Other Business.** Fr. Yesalonia discussed the following with the Parish Council: the February 2025 trip to South Africa, Fr. Martin's January 15 lecture on the synod, the kick-off of the 2025 lecture series on January 27, and the return of the Back to Basics lecture series.

Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 8 January 2025, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.

Paul Capetillo.