

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 7:00 PM Conference Room

Present: Fr. Yesalonia, Fr. Hilbert, Laura De Boisblanc, Ken Kern, Marguerite Lucarelli, John Mancuso, Letty Moss-Salentijn, Sabrina Ng.

Absent: Paul Capetillo, Antonio Del Rosario, Ben Denihan.

1. **Prayer.** Fr. Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes, May 14, 2025.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.
3. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia gave an update of various events and works of the parish, including, in no particular order:
 - a. Events related to the conclusion of the school year—Masses, graduations, receptions.
 - b. Planning for next year is underway by all the parish staff and ministry heads.
 - c. Fr. Jonathan Pennacchia, S.J. will be arriving in early July to spend a year on the parish staff. He will be ordained a priest on June 14th here at the parish.
 - d. Ms. Roxanne De La Torre, the new pastoral assistant for Ignatian Spirituality and Faith Formation, will begin on July 1st. “The Fr. William J. Bergen Office of Ignatian Spirituality and Faith Formation” has been furnished for her, including Fr. Bergen’s personal library.
 - e. The bronze doors of the church are being repaired, and the plan to install glass doors has been postponed, pending available funds.
 - f. The Ministry Council met on June 9 to report on and discuss this year’s activities and to plan for next year.
 - g. The service to migrant families has been a multifaceted ministry involving many volunteers—lawyers, doctors, dentists, interpreters, etc. The ISJ Ministry has coordinated this large team who have given hundreds of hours of *pro bono* service.
 - h. The summer Mass schedule will be in effect as of July 1st. Most parish activities will be suspended during July and August.
 - i. The Caritas Concert in the Fall will raise money for our Sister Parish, St. Catherine’s in Bethlehem, Israel. This new sister relationship will be developed in the coming year.
 - j. The use of QR Codes for donations has been introduced with hopeful results. Printed cards in the pews and kiosks at the back of the church are available for this purpose.

- k. The Fourth Parish Art Show will be organized at a date to be determined.
- l. “Welcome Back Sunday” will be September 7, with the popular coffee hour after the 11 AM Masses.
- m. The Ministry Fair will be held on September 28, in McKinnon Hall.
- 4. **Implementation Plan—Update.** Ken Kern presented the draft of the semi-annual report on the progress of the 12 initiatives of the implementation of the Parish Vision Statement, as well as a draft of the announcement to the parish. The Report will be distributed by the end of the month. The first progress report was issued on January 19, 2025.
- 5. **Aging and Isolation Forum.** Letty Moss-Salentijn informed the council members of the background and purpose of the proposed Forum on Aging and Isolation, the colleagues she has invited to participate, the areas of attention (psychiatric, end-of-life, and LGBT issues), and a lively discussion followed in support of the initiative. The format will be a roundtable, and perhaps there will be more than one event. The date is TBD.
- 6. **Roundtable Topics.** Other potential topics for roundtable events that were discussed are “Spirituality & the Internet,” and “Evangelization.” Discussion of the topics revealed great interest for both. Four council members volunteered to meet and reflect over the summer on the best ways to address these issues. For “Spirituality & the Internet,” Ken Kern and Antonio Del Rosario will spearhead this project, and for “Evangelization,” Father Hilbert and Sabrina Ng will be responsible.
- 7. **2025-2026 Calendar.** A calendar of Parish Council meetings for the coming year was distributed. The dates are:
 - a. **2025: 09/10; 10/08; 11/12; 12/10.**
 - b. **2026: 01/14; 02/11; 03/11; 04/15; 05/13; 06/10.**
- 8. **Other Business.** In other business, the council discussed ideas for celebrating various popular feasts, including Halloween (in the spirit of the Mexican holiday of Dia de Muertos), and Easter (Easter egg coloring for families). Finally, Father Yesalonia announced that he is considering enlarging the Parish Council with two new members, and the council was invited to suggest the names of candidates.

Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 10 September 2025, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Hilbert, S.J.