

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 7:00 – 8:30 PM Conference Room

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

Absent: Paul Capetillo

N.B. The Minutes do not follow the same order as the Agenda.

1. **Prayer.** Father Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes, 18 October 2023.** The members received the October 18 Parish Council meeting minutes and the Pastor asked that any comments be sent to him. The minutes were approved.
3. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia reported the following:
 1. **Activities.** The parish is seeing a very busy season, with the ministries in full swing and sacramental life dynamic and full. The priests of the parish are dealing generously with a strenuous workload.
 2. **Livestreaming** of Masses. After consultation with the priests of the parish and the Finance Committee, Fr. Yesalonia has decided to suspend the livestreaming of the daily 5:30 PM Mass, effective January 1, 2024. He will announce this to the parish in mid-December. The Sunday Solemn Mass at 11 AM will continue to be livestreamed.
 3. **Finances.** Among the concerns are the deficit in this year's budget, the drop in weekly offerings, and a decline of 75 students in the parish grammar school. To counter this, the livestreaming will be limited to the Sunday Solemn Mass. This will save approx. \$60K every year. The floral budget will be reduced. Other budget lines will be similarly affected. Salaries will remain unchanged.
 4. **Update on Potential Capital Projects.** As reported last month, the parish is looking into two potential capital

projects: updating the church lighting system and installing glass doors in the front of the Church to allow the main bronze doors to be permanently fixed open. Experts have been retained, and the projects are being reviewed. The grammar school roof is also in need of repair.

4. **JRS “A Journey into Exil” Simulation Video.** Laura De Boisblanc presented to the Council the project and responded to questions. Further development of the project is anticipated.

5. **Events.**

a. Given the strife in the Holy Land, outreach to our Jewish neighbors is a priority. There will be an interfaith prayer service for peace in the new year.

b. The Migrant’s Clothes Project was a huge success. The six families that we accompany continue to participate in many parish activities. ISJ is working with the Little Sisters of the Assumption. A prayer service for Migrants will be held in the church on November 13.

c. The Thanksgiving Food Drive is active now, and the Christmas Angels are in preparation.

d. The Mary Project is part of our outreach to the Muslim community.

e. The Snowball Dance promises to be well-attended and enjoyable.

6. **Other Business.** Updates on the Implementation Plan, the Roundtable on Loneliness, and the Church tour plan were discussed briefly.

Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 13, 2023, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Hilbert, S.J.