

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 7:00 – 8:30 PM Conference Room

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

1. **Prayer.** Father Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes, 8 November 2023.** The members received the November 8 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:
 - A. **Parish Activities.** The parish has been bustling with activity this Christmas season. The Snow Ball Dance and Christmas concerts were positively received by all those who attended. Upcoming events include the Grammar School Christmas Pageant on December 14 and Bambinelli Sunday on December 18.
 - B. **Implementation Plan.** The Implementation Plan has been published both online and in paperback format. Moving forward, future publications will only be distributed virtually to align with the Laudato Si Action Platform vision and goals.
 - C. **Parish Finances.** The parish is operating in a deficit caused by a drop in donations and lower enrollment numbers in both the Upper and Lower Campuses. To combat this, the Finance Committee has developed a fiscal plan with mitigation strategies. The Investment Committee will soon be meeting to review portfolio returns and options to hedge risks.
 - D. **Ministry Update.** During the latest Ministry Council meeting, it was decided that the Boomers & Beyond Ministry will be dissolved. Despite the best efforts of ministry head Joan Schultz, there has been a consistent lack of interest and participation in the group. Joan Schultz plans to continue being an active member of the parish in another capacity.

4. **Roundtable on Loneliness.** Seventeen people attended the November 21 roundtable discussion on loneliness. The event was met with positive feedback and a strong desire from participants to see the parish address the issue further, such as with follow-up discussions or other opportunities for sharing and connecting.
5. **Discussion: Implementation Plan.** It must be ensured that the momentum behind the Implementation Plan continues to build and there is a wide base of support for the plan within the parish community. The Parish Council discussed several methods of doing so, such as by having monthly bulletin inserts calling for volunteers on projects and having the Pastor make direct appeals to the congregation for service.
6. **Other Business.** The proposed script for the church walking tour has been revised. Fr. Yesalonia will review the script once more before it is finalized. The Parish Council will also be joining RCIA members on their own walking tour being given by the RCIA ministry leaders on January 11.

Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.

Paul Capetillo.