

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 7:00 PM Conference Room

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

Absent: Paul Capetillo Sabrina Ng

1. **Prayer.** Father Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes, 13 December 2023.** The members received the 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. The Christmas Masses were well attended, with approx. 4,000 people at the six Masses.
 - b. During the Christmas break, the various parish ministries enjoyed a well-deserved rest.
 - c. Mr. Lou Csabay has asked to be relieved of the position of chair of the New Parishioners Committee. A search for a new chair is underway.
 - d. The recent COVID “uptick” has been felt in the parish and extra measures are in place to assure cleanliness and safety.
 - e. The parish staff met this morning. Each staff person reported on the upcoming events and activities in the new year.
 - f. The 2024 Lecture Series program was presented.
4. **Discussion: Implementation Plan.** With the publication of the Implementation Plan, the five-year strategic planning process was concluded. It is important that the momentum achieved during that process be sustained, and in particular the fruits of the process not be allowed to wither on the vine. The following areas were identified and discussed:
 - a. Leadership. After much open sharing, it was decided that, following the four statements that form the structure of the Vision Statement (*We Welcome All, We Worship With Joy, We Walk Together With Those in Need, We Reverence God in the Wonder of Creation*), four “teams” will be created

to lead the practical implementation and monitoring of progress. Each of the four teams will be composed of six persons: two Parish Council members; two Ministry Council members; one Parish Staff member; one coopted parishioner. **N.B. action item. PC members will communicate to the Pastor by January 20th their individual preferences (1st & 2nd) for the team they will be involved in.**

The focus of the teams will be to take account of what we have done, what we are doing, and what we still have to do. There must be benchmarks and occasional progress reports. New ministries can be considered, and future refinement must be considered. Attention will be paid to the many “recommendations” and the specific “action items” presented in the plan. It is hoped that the four teams will be formed in the next month, before the beginning of Lent. We suggest that there be a “blessing” service for the teams as they begin their mission.

5. **Other Business.** Fr. Hilbert gave an update on the lecture series, and John Mancuso and Marguerite Lucarelli gave an update on the church tour project that they are working on. It was also announced that the parish now has its own APP!

Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 7 February 2024, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.
Michael Hilbert, S.J.