

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 7:00 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, 10 January 2024.** The members received the minutes and the Pastor asked that any comments be sent to him. After a correction to the reported total attendance number of the Christmas Masses, the minutes were approved.
3. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia reported the following:
 - A. **Parish Events.**
 - a. ISJ members, as well as several non-members, visited the Southern border at the end of January. The group had the opportunity to meet with local ranchers and border patrol agents, learning more about the migrant crisis from first-hand sources.
 - b. This year's lecture series is focused on the essential human freedoms outlined by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his famous Four Freedoms speech. The opening lecture was on January 31 and featured Professor Basil Smikle, Jr.
 - c. The Family Ministry's Pizza and Bingo Night on February 3 was a huge success. Over 200 people attended and \$4,000 was raised. This event's popularity is proof of parishioners' desire for more fun and engaging all-ages gatherings.
 - d. The Parish Council sponsored "Journey into Exile" simulation exercise is on Saturday, February 10. With 25 registrants thus far, there is still room for additional participants.

B. Parish Finances. While the parish portfolio is performing well, the Finance Committee has decided to diversify the church's investments into more varieties of asset classes.

4. **Discussion: Implementation Plan.** Four Implementation Plan working groups have been formed. Each five-person group is comprised of parish staff, Parish Council members, and former members of the Vision Statement Action Plan committees. Their goal is to define a narrow set of actions to actualize the four pillars outlined in the Vision Statement. To do this, the working groups will meet to discuss and narrow down ideas, devise concrete plans of action, and receive feedback. The first all-group meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 13.
5. **Other Business.** John Mancuso and Marguerite Lucarelli gave an update on the church tour project. They are hoping to launch the program in the spring as part of the "We Welcome All" pillar.

Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting, Wednesday, 13 March 2024, will be in Wallace Hall. Joining the Parish Council will be those participating in the Implementation Plan working groups.

Respectfully submitted.
Paul Capetillo