

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 7:00 PM Conference Room

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

Absent: Paul Capetillo, Laura De Boisblanc, Kenn Kern.

1. **Prayer.** Father Hilbert recited the *Memorare* in honor of the Blessed Mother.
2. **Review of Minutes, 10 April 2024.** The minutes of the last meeting not having been conveyed, this point was passed over without action.
3. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia gave an update of various events and works of the parish, including, in no particular order:
 - a. First Communion of the Grade School (54 children) and IREP (Inter-Parish Religious Education Program, 64 children).
 - b. The successful production of the play “Annie” at the Grade School.
 - c. The Grade School Auction which raised \$188,000. The school building is due for a new roof.
 - d. The Parish Lecture Series for 2024 concluded with a lecture by Sen. Angus King on “The Freedom from Fear.”
 - e. The FY 25 parish budget is being developed for the Finance Council.
 - f. The Festival Mass on May 12th (Mother’s Day) was well-attended and highly appreciated, with the world premier of Maestro Fusco’s “Hail Ye Festival Day.”
 - g. A lighting consultant has been contacted for advice on the lighting in the church, and a structural engineer has been retained to adjust the main bronze doors of the church.
 - h. The parish has hired a new weekday evening (4-9 PM) receptionist, Mr. John McGarty.
 - i. Courageous Women of Faith. This summer, two new banners will be placed on columns in the church to join the existing six. They will stay up until Advent.

4. **Implementation Plan—Update.** Kenn Kern will present at the next Parish Council meeting the final draft of the 12 initiatives that have been identified and approved for implementation, as well as a draft of the announcement to the parish.
5. **Parish Trip to Rome—Jubilee Year.** Father Hilbert presented to the Council the idea of organizing a parish pilgrimage to Rome during the Holy Year of Hope in 2025. The members enthusiastically support the idea and Fr. Hilbert was tasked with developing a detailed plan, with possible options, for the June meeting.
6. **Executive Session.**
7. **Other Business.** A calendar of Parish Council meetings for the coming year was distributed. The dates are:
 - a. **2024: 9/11; 10/16; 11/13; 12/11.**
 - b. **2025: 1/8; 2/12; 3/12; 4/9; 5/14; 6/11.**

Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 12 June 2024, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Hilbert, S.J.