

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 7:00 PM Conference Room

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

Absent: Paul Capetillo, Ben Denihan, Fr. Hilbert, John Mancuso

1. **Prayer.** Fr. Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes, 12 June 2024.** The members received the June 12 Parish Council meeting minutes and the Pastor asked that any comments be sent to him. The minutes were approved.
3. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia gave an update of various events and works of the parish, including, in no particular order:
 - a. **Church Speakers.** Four new speakers will be installed in the Church. Ambient music will now play in the main sanctuary between Masses.
 - b. **Facilities Improvements.** The parish is looking to install railing along the sanctuary steps, garbage can platforms, and new glass Church doors. Bob Cisternino, Director of Facilities, has also applied to have planters installed in front of the Parish House.
 - c. **New Ministry.** Circle of Friends has been approved as a new ministry. The purpose of the ministry is to give parishioners the opportunity to socialize through monthly afternoon events. The first event will be the slideshow lecture “Radical Women of Washington Square” on September 24.
 - d. **Grammar School Enrollment.** There are currently 538 students registered for the 2024-2025 school year. This is an increase from last year’s enrollment number of 526 students.
 - e. **Jean Junker Service in Ministry Award.** Jean Junker, an active long-time parishioner, passed away on August 15. In memory of her generosity and dedication to the parish, Fr. Yesalonia proposed the creation of the Jean Junker Service in

Ministry Award. This honor would be bestowed upon a deserving parishioner at the yearly Ministries Appreciation Dinner. The Parish Council unanimously decided to move forward with implementing the award.

- f. **Called By Name.** US Jesuit priests have discussed the idea and benefits of parishioners wearing name tags during Mass and getting a chance to share their stories with each other afterwards. The Parish Council will consider this idea and discuss it further during the October meeting.
4. **Implementation Initiatives—Update.** The Implementation Plan Initiatives were announced to the parish on June 16 and the roll-out of said initiatives begins this fall. Kenn Kern will oversee and track the roll-out. Fr. Yesalonia stressed that though the Parish Council made decisions on which initiatives to implement, it is the responsibility of the entire parish, not just the council members, to assist in making these ideas a reality.
5. **Parish Council By-Laws, Revised.** Fr. Yesalonia presented the revised Parish Council By-Laws that reference the two Lay Trustees of the parish as *ex officio* members of the Parish Council.
6. **Other Business.**

Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 16 October 2024, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.

Marguerite Lucarelli.