

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 18 March 2026, 7:00 PM Conference Room

Present: Fr. Yesalonia, Fr. Hilbert, Barbara Bennett, Laura De Boisblanc, Antonio Del Rosario, Ken Kern, Marguerite Lucarelli, John Mancuso, Letty Moss-Salentijn, Sabrina Ng, Dolores Troy Quinn, Christian Sanders.

Absent: Christopher Passmore.

1. **Prayer.** Fr. Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes, 11 February 2026.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted. Certain updates on events are included in these minutes.
3. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia gave an update of various events and works of the parish, including, in no particular order:
 - a. Discussions continue with architects concerning the possibility of expanding the SILS building.
 - b. The interfaith trip to Spain. Fr. Yesalonia asked the members to share the information about the trip with friends.
 - c. Some important dates to keep in mind:
 - i. The last Family Mass of the year will be held on June 14, 2026.
 - ii. The first Parish Festival Mass after the Summer will be held on September 13, 2026.
 - iii. Mass and reception to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Pastor (50 years as a Jesuit) will be held on September 20, 2026.
 - d. Holy Week, Sacred Triduum, and Easter planning is in high gear.
 - e. Congratulations and applause were offered to Marguerite Lucarelli for the success of the Celtic Night. The proceeds from the evening are destined for the grammar school.
 - f. The Spring Appeal letter from the Pastor will be sent out in the coming week.

4. **Implementation Plan—Update.**

Ken Kern gave an update concerning the photo album project. We are still in the early stages of gathering photos of parish life and activities.

5. **Seeds and Weeds report and evaluation.** Ken Kern and Antonio Del Rosario presented their report. 32 youths and 11 adults participated in the Workshop. It was a multi-faith group, and all were enthusiastic about the initiative, which will have a follow-up. The topic of technology and spirituality is an important one, especially for young people.

6. **Lenten Week of Service report and evaluation.** Laura De Boisblanc presented the report of the 2nd Annual Lenten Week of Service. In five subsections (Parishioner level, ministry level, outside organization level, goal level, and communication level), abundant data were included in the report, which is attached to these minutes as an appendix.

7. **Parish Council Self-Evaluation.** A lively discussion ensued with members sharing their insights and experiences as members of the Parish Council, among which:
- a. Learning so much about the parish.
 - b. The usefulness of brainstorming at our meetings.
 - c. “Sharing the wealth and responsibility” through the process of implementation of the many projects that the Council created.
 - d. The multiplying effect that the Council has experienced.
 - e. The reality is that our efforts are faith-based, not mere volunteerism. A mini retreat is planned for the Council.
 - f. The shared reflection of the members is a fulfilling aspect of our meetings. The ‘chemistry’ is remarkable, and the commitment is life-giving.
 - g. The personal virtues of gratitude, fidelity, and generosity are fostered in our service to the parish.
 - h. We should beware of overextending our initiatives. We should be prudent in selecting new initiatives.
 - i. The members note the growing openness to the Holy Spirit, and the transformative grace of our service, bringing us closer

to Jesus and offering to the parishioners the opportunity to live the Gospel.

- j. Discovering the Ignatian prayer of the “Examen” has been a great gift.

8. Other Business.

- a. Fr. Yesalonia surveyed the members on his proposal to have an extended meeting in June to plan the agenda for the upcoming year. All were in favor.
- b. There will be the opportunity for seniors to attend a training session on fall prevention.

Fr. Yesalonia led us in a Hail Mary and asked St. Ignatius to pray for us.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 22 April 2026, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.
Michael Hilbert, S.J.

APPENDIX: LENTEN WEEK OF SERVICE EVALUATION