

St. John the Baptist
Parish Council Minutes
Wednesday August 2nd, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Present: Father Michael, Steve Siegel (staff), Tom Michalkiewicz (trustee), Barb Quella (voting member), Jennifer Heenan (council chair), Barb Stinski (Non-voting member), Jennifer Farrell (parish member), Sally Wolbert (parish member)
Absent: Chris VanderHeyden (trustee)

Opening prayer: Fr Lightner

Approve minutes from meeting: Motion to approve by Barb Quella. Seconded by Jennifer.
Motion carries.

Old Business:

† Recap St. John the Baptist celebration:

- * Turn out not as many as we had hoped. ~ 120 plus 15-20 kiddos 7 and under. Realized it is difficult to have good participation during the summer months
- * Attendees noted they enjoyed the gathering, food was very good
- * We made a profit of ~ \$1500.00
- * Some questioned if the \$15 price was too high. We agreed to keep the cost @\$15/each. Age 7 & under FREE...possibly increase "free" age limit to 10 year old
- * Basket raffle: Reviewed the winners
- * Plan to build on this for next year. Hopefully we can organize a committee as well

† Parish Picnic

- * Sunday August 27th
- * Cornhole tournament. 32 teams, 9 signed up so far
- * Sign-up genius has been sent out to get volunteers to help with the event, hoping to get the youth involved to help with the children's games, etc
- * The parishes have been receiving plenty of items for the raffle baskets tournament winners

† Announcement for parish ministries

- * Jennifer Farrell has updated her announcement and completed the bulletin insert
- * PC council members will be in the back of church after the masses the announcement is read to answer questions and encourage individuals to sign up for ministries
- * Announcement to be made the weekend of September 9th & 10th
- * Need to work on defining the various ministries and responsibilities

New Business:

† Welcome weekend

- * September 16th & 17th

- * 10 new family units the past year

- * Keeping it simple this year:

Saturday: Cookies, bars, juice, water and coffee

Sunday: doughnuts (Manderfield;s), bagels, cream cheese, juice, water, coffee

- * Gift bag for new members?? Final ideas....

- * Volunteers to bake treats: Barb Quella, Jennifer Heenan, Siegel's. Contact the parish "baking group"

† Other topics:

- * Request to add Parish council and Finance council meeting times in the bulletin

- * Welcome committee. Needs to be a priority to get this committee together

Next Meeting: September 6th @ 5pm St. Mary conference room

Closing Prayer: Father Lightner