

St. John the Baptist  
Parish Council Minutes  
Wednesday September 6, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Father Michael, Steve Siegel (staff), Tom Michalkiewicz (trustee), Barb Quella (voting member), Sally Wolbert (voting member), Jennifer Heenan (council chair), Barb Stinski (Non-voting member), Jennifer Farrell (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 Parish Picnic:**

- \* Great turn out, many positive comments (despite the bees)
- \* raised ~\$11,000

**† Welcome weekend**

- \* September 16 & 17
- \* Will have light refreshments after the 4pm and 9am mass
- \* Reviewed the invite St. Mary used last year. Agreed to use the same announcement with the appropriate changes. Steve has the names/addresses and will sent out the invites
- \* Decided not to announce the name/families at the Masses, but will place the names in the bulletin

**† Announcement for parish ministries**

- \* Jennifer Farrell will give the announcement after announcements/before Mass begins
  - \* Bulletin insert is complete and will be in the weekend bulletin
  - \* Sign up sheets will be in the back of church after the masses. We will have 3 parish members available after each mass to assist with sign-up answering questions.
  - \* Jennifer F. made a list of all the ministries with a short description based on the Parish Council Policies
  - \* Novena to help encourage increased participation in parish ministries
- Father Lightner will pray the St. VdP novena at the end of mass. A petition for an increase in Mass ministries will be added to the Mass petitions for the next 8 weeks in lieu of starting another novena

**New Business:**

**† Dynamic Catholic Christmas book program**

- \* 2 books: Beautiful Christmas and The Rocking Chair Prophet
- \* Cost remains at \$1/book
- \* Plan to order 200 of each book
- \* Barb Quella and Jennifer Heenan mentioned they would donate some money for this
- \* Request will also be brought up at the next finance committee meeting for approval

**† New parish council members:** Father Lightner will speak to parish member, Brian Kubiak, about joining parish council. Brian is currently studying to be a deacon.

**Next Meeting:** October 4th @ 5pm St. Mary conference room

**Closing Prayer:** Father Lightner