

ST. MATTHEW PARISH  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 5, 2023

Present: Kelly Fitzgerald, Joanne Reykdal, Mike Van Handel, Andy Schumacher,  
T. J. Sorensen and Fr. Bob

Excused: Brenda Luedeman and Ann Weiss

1. Agenda was approved.
2. Officers for the 2023-2024 Year are: Kelly Fitzgerald is the chairperson and the rest of the officers will be determined at the November meeting.
3. Discussion of Chapter 8 of A New Way to Be Church by Jack Jezreel. The chapter is called "Moving Parish to Mission." The author had a formula starting with Inputs to Activities to Outputs to Outcomes to Impact. He concludes the chapter by saying; "The parish assets or inputs are meant for one thing and one thing only: to serve the parish's mission of transforming lives and transforming the local and global community." Our discussion focused on our charitable efforts and that hopefully it does transform lives and the community. We will keep working toward that goal.
4. FMSC: Our parish will again be involved with the FMSC Mobile Pack on October 2-5. Our Generations of Faith and Fr. Allouez Catholic School (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will pack. A number of parishioners have signed up as well. The staff and council will offer to help with the hospitality shifts.
5. Eucharistic Revival: The U.S. Bishops are calling for a Eucharistic Revival for the next three years. Bishop Ricken has penned a pastoral letter called Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist: Disciples Called to Worship. Our parish Christmas book will be on the Eucharist from Dynamic Catholic. That book will guide our Parish Council and parish in the years ahead.
6. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of the parish will happen after all the Masses on September 30 and October 1.
7. Next Meeting: November 7