

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
August 12th, 2014**

Attendees: Dan Drab, Father Paul Nguyen, Jerry Stovall, Ron Puschnig, Val Richardson, Sr. Pat Russell, Deacon Jim Keaney, Tom Tarrant, Betty Garrett, Father Chad Putoff, Richard Howell, Mary McClain, Sue Pecora, Beatriz Alvarez

Absent: Carmen Robles, Michael Roden

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Jerry Stovall at 6:06 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Deacon Jim Keaney

August agenda: Motion to approve by Mary McClain and approved as amended.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Education: Classes start Wednesday September 3rd and Sunday September 7th. A few catechists are still needed—please contact Val Richardson if interested. Val is also seeking adult mentors for this year's Confirmation candidates. Educational materials from Lighthouse Catholic Media will be made available later this month to parishioners.

Daughters of Isabella are having a bake sale Labor Day weekend.

Liturgy/Spirituality: There are 5 newly trained extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist who will be serving the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights are sponsoring a wine and cheese social on August 16th after the 5 p.m. Mass. There will be a poker run on Saturday, August 23rd, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Stonehaus Winery in Crossville.

Fall Festival: All committee chairs have now been filled and planning is progressing well.

New Business:

Budget: Dan Drab presented a financial report for fiscal year 2013-2014 and presented the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. A motion to approve the budget was put forward and approved.

“Yes” on Amendment 1: The Diocese is asking for two individuals from our parish to be ambassadors to help promote the passing of Amendment 1 to the Tennessee constitution to promote the sanctity of life.

Cathedral Altar: The Diocese will be purchasing a new altar for the cathedral. The Diocese is assessing all the parishes in the diocese to help pay for the altar. St. Thomas Aquinas' portion is \$4,413.

Welcoming Committee: Tom Tarrant presented some suggestions from the Welcoming Committee to help the parish become more welcoming to visitors and new parishioners.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Sue Pecora.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. September 9th, 2014

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary