

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
September 9th, 2014**

Attendees: 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, Abby Gregory

Absent: Carmen Robles, Father Chad Putoff

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Jerry Stovall at 6:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Given by Betty Garrett.

August Minutes: Motion to approve by Ron Puschnig and approved.

September agenda: Motion to approve by Ron Puschnig and approved.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Education: Ninety-two families with 152 students have registered for classes this year, which is down somewhat from this time last year. Mentors are needed for the confirmation class.

Welcoming Committee: Tom Tarrant reports that the welcoming committee is going well.

Daughters of Isabella: The bake sale held over Labor Day weekend benefitted the Building Fund.

Knights of Columbus: The wine and cheese event went very well. Twelve motorcyclists participated in the Poker Run for the MR Drive.

Fall Festival: The festival committee is working with the city's Clean Commission in conjunction with Girl Scout Troop 100 to recycle some materials from the festival.

New Business:

“Yes” on Amendment 1: Ron Sykes and Bobbi Watts are acting as ambassadors for our diocese 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. There will be a special collection to help offset this expense from the parish budget.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Deacon Jim Keaney.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. October 14th, 2014

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary