

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
November 11th, 2014**

Attendees: Jerry Stovall, Ron Puschnig, Val Richardson, Sr. Pat Russell, Tom Tarrant, Betty Garrett, Father Chad Putoff, Richard Howell, Mary McClain, Deacon Jim Keane

Absent: Carmen Robles, Father Paul Nguyen, Beatriz Alvarez

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

Opening Prayer: Given by Father Chad Puthoff.

October Minutes: Motion to amend and approve by Val Richardson and approved.

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

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Education: 119 families with 219 students are registered. The Light House Media educational CD kiosk is doing very well with over \$800 in donations. Advent materials are available on the kiosk now.

The diocese has hired a director of adult formation, Joan Watson. Also, the diocese has purchased a building in Nashville to consolidate its offices.

Daughters of Isabella: Diane Ferrara won the quilt raffle.

Knights of Columbus: The MR Drive generated \$3500 this year.

Newman TTU Catholic: Average weekly meeting attendance is 35-40 weekly this year compared with 15-20 last year. The group is planning an alternative spring break, performing restoration work in New Orleans March 7th through 12th this year. Seventeen students are signed up with five more on the waiting list.

Parish Council Elections: Will be held the weekend of November 29th and 30th. There are five openings on the parish council this year.

New Business:

Power Door Openers: One of our parishioners has requested that we install power door openers in the church to assist with accessibility issues for those with physical disabilities. Jerry Stovall, Dan Drab, and Ron Gardner will research costs and options.

New Parish Council Members will be welcomed at the next parish council meeting on December 16th.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Deacon Jim Keane.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. December 16th, 2014

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary