

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council Minutes
For
February 10, 2015**

Attendees: Fr. Chad, Fr. Paul, Sr. Pat, Val Richardson, Deacon Jim Keaney, Ron Puschnig, Richard Howell, Mary McClain, Beatriz Alvarez, Maria Chavez, Betty Garrett, Abbey Gregory, Sue Pecora, Debbie Sidrys, Tom Tarrant and Mark Uker, Guests: Ken Walker and Gerry Stovall.

Absent: All Present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ron Puschnig at 6:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Sr. Pat lead the Opening Prayer.

January Minutes: Motion to accept January minutes approved.

February Agenda: Two topics were added: 1) Kitchen, 2) Announcements Before Masses. Motion to accept updated Agenda approved.

Old Business:

Val Richardson motioned that Committee Reports not be discussed due to not having assignments as yet based on the updated Committee Report List. Approved by Council.

Daughters of Isabella: 1) Rummage Sale will be Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7. Items for sale can be brought to the Church starting Sunday, March 1.

Fall Festival: Richard Howell will be scheduling a meeting for next month for the Chairpersons from last year. Solicitation for a new Chairperson needs to be done. Richard and Carolyn will assist the new Chairperson where needed.

Handicap Door Update: Fr. Chad indicated 7 doors will need to have updated doors. The Doors estimated cost is roughly \$1,700 per door. Jerry Stovall indicated that he and Dan Drab are investigating other doors before a final selection is made. It was also suggested to add some Parish Council members to the Building and Grounds group working on the Door selection.

Fr. Chad mentioned that other repairs to the church grounds not planned was the recent repair of the ceiling in the sanctuary and the parking lot needs to be resealed.

Other alternatives were discussed. Mentioned by Sr. Pat was the possibility of Ushers doing more at all the doors to assist those as needed.

New Business:

Election of Committee Chairs: This will be done at the next meeting once the List of Committees is updated. Mary McClain working this update.

Stations of the Cross: The Parish Council will be providing a light meal after the Stations of the Cross on February 20th. Soup and Sandwiches will be provided. It was noted that there will not be a meal after the Stations of the Cross on February 27th due to all available space in Aquinas Hall and the Parish Hall being reserved for a key activity that weekend.

Web Site Problems – Starting in March, Mark Uker will be working with Mary McClain on updating the entire website.

Parish Picnic - Beatriz Alvarez is working with Parks and Recreation to reserve the Pool for our picnic on June 14th. Ken Walker volunteered to work the Pavilion Reservation.

Kitchen -The group that monitors and orders supplies for the Kitchen is expanding, including the major groups who utilize the kitchen. Ken Walker will coordinate getting this group together. This will enable better future planning for upcoming events.

Announcements Before Mass – Richard Howell distributed a draft of how and what Announcements should be done. These should start at least 5 minutes before Mass starts. Richard also distributed a draft for Commentator Duties. Both drafts needs to be updated and then reviewed as appropriate with the Commentator Leader.

Parish Council Activity—The Parish Council has started to review a book named REBUILT, Authors are Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, Pastoral Associate. This work is for the Council to determine what enhancements could be made to services within the Parish. As results are identified, the Parish will be informed.

There were two extensions for the meeting continuous. 1) Motion by Betty Garrett, 2nd Tom Tarrant and 2) Motion by Mary McClain, 2nd Betty Garrett.

Meeting ended at 8:25p.m.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Paul lead the Closing Prayer.

Next Meeting: March 10. 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted: Mary McClain, Council Secretary