

**St. Thomas Aquinas  
Parish Council Minutes  
For  
March 13, 2012**

**Attendees:** Cameron Chaparro, Kenny Davis, Steve Hanifan, Mary McClain, Rey Mendez, Father Chad Puthoff, Val Richardson, Sister Pat Russell, Gerry Stovall, Tom Tarrant

**Absent:** Sue Pecora

**Call To Order:** Jerry Stovall, 6:04 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Steve Hanifan

**February Minutes:** Motion to approve by Mary McClain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val Richardson and approved.

**January Agenda:** Motion to approve by Val Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary McClain and approved.

**Old Business:**

**Mortgage burning:** August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Discussion around how food could be provided/arranged. Sister Pat suggested creating a menu and having people/groups assigned to bring items from the menu. Father Chad recommended that the Knights and Daughters form a committee and work out the details of the meal and/or entertainment. Jerry and Tom to speak with the Knights; Mary McClain will speak with the Daughters. Further discussion tabled until next meeting.

**Fall Festival:** Discussion around finding a chair or co-chairs to organize the festival. A suggestion was made to put a notice in the bulletin, asking for volunteers.

**Band/Dance:** Sister Pat contacted a “big band” concerning the possibility of having a dance/fundraiser. She will ask the leader about the possibility of performing New Year’s Eve. Once a date is confirmed, more decisions can be made about the format of the event.

**New Parishioners Dinner:** Mary McClain mentioned that the most recent new parishioners’ dinners were not well attended by new parishioners. It was determined to table further discussion for now.

## **New Business**

1. Gathering space tables: There was a motion by Steve Hanifan to have Jody Kondas take over the reservation process for the gathering space tables, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Tarrant. Motion approved.
2. Vacancies on the parish council—Irina Wesser and Christian Chukwu resigned. Father Chad has appointed Marcos Esteban to one of the vacancies. We will advertise in the bulletin for anyone who may be willing to serve on the council.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Education/Formation (Cameron):** Several members of the Newman group travelled to Milwaukee for a mission trip over spring break and performed charity work in the area.

**Evangelization:** No report.

**Socialization/Parish Life:** Daughters of Isabella will have a bake sale on Palm Sunday. They will also have a giving tree to raise funds for St. Vincent DePaul Society. For all of March, the Daughters are collecting baby items for a charity baby shower. Knights of Columbus: Pancake breakfast March 25<sup>th</sup>. 36 people attended the recent ladies retreat.

## **Liturgy/Spirituality:**

**Temporalities:** Sister Pat will ask the buildings and grounds committee to get signs for the Marian plates in the parish hall.

**Closing Prayer: Kenny Davis**

**Next Meeting: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Respectively Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary