

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
April 17, 2012**

Attendees: Kenny Davis, Mary McClain, Rey Mendez, Sue Pecora, Fr. Chad Putoff, Val Richardson, Sr. Pat Russell, Gerry Stovall, Tom Tarrant

Absent: Steve Hanifan, Cameron Chaparro

Call To Order: Gerry Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Kenny Davis

March Minutes: Motion to approve by Mary McClain, seconded by Tom Tarrant and approved.

April Agenda: Motion to approve by Mary McClain and seconded by Sue Pecora and approved.

Old Business:

1. Mortgage burning—Sue Pecora volunteered to chair a committee to arrange the food and entertainment for the mortgage burning to be held August 25th.
2. Fall Festival—so far, no one has volunteered to chair the Fall Festival committee. We will insert an announcement in the bulletin that the Fall Festival will be cancelled if no one steps up to chair it or co-chair it by May 8th. We will also request that this be added to the commentator's announcements.
3. New Year's Eve dance—Sister Pat spoke with the band leader, and he suggested to her that a family event on some other night might be more appropriate since New Year's Eve is a popular time for several members of the band to take other gigs. He is not sure that enough of the musicians would be available for this particular night. Sister Pat will continue discussions with the band leader about this.
4. New Parishioners Dinner—It was decided to table discussion of this activity for now.
5. Parish Council vacancy—Betty Mary Garrett presented her application to join the parish council. Mary McClain made a motion to accept her into the council; Tom Tarrant seconded the motion and it was approved.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Religious Ed: Confirmation April 28th at 2:00. Bishop Choby will be here. First Communion May 5th at 10:00. Last classes for the year are Wednesday, May 9th and Sunday, May 13th. Easter Vigil: Five students joined the Church, and three adults. June 25th through 29th: Vacation Bible School. Theme is Babylon, studying Daniel.

Finance: Sister Pat is preparing to create a rough draft of the 2013 budget. She will ask the Buildings and Grounds Committee to prepare a wish list of projects to be considered once the mortgage is paid off.

Betty Tomasso addressed the council.

A 10-minute time extension was granted at 7:19 p.m. to extend the meeting.

Mary Ann Tarrant addressed the council.

Closing Prayer: “Our Father....”

Next Meeting: May 8, 2012

Respectively Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary