

**St. Thomas Aquinas  
Parish Council Minutes  
For  
August 14th, 2012**

**Attendees:** Jerry Stovall, Rey Mendez, Val Richardson, Sr. Pat Russell, Kenny Davis, Sue Pecora, Betty Garrett, Carmencita Robles, Father Chad Puthoff, Tom Tarrant, Beatriz Alvarez

**Absent:** Mary McClain, Christian Chukwu

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jerry Stovall at 6:03 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Betty Garrett

**July Minutes:** Motion to approve by Val Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Pecora and approved.

**August Agenda:** Due to the abbreviated meeting time of 50 minutes, it was decided to skip any agenda items necessary to fit into the meeting time.

**Old Business:**

1. **Mortgage burning:** Sue Pecora gave a report. The event will be pot luck after the 5:00 p.m. mass. Tom Tarrant mentioned that the Knights are coordinating a color guard for the Bishop.
2. **Fall Festival:** Ken Walker gave a report. Most events are covered at this point, but Ken is still in need of someone to man the ice cream booth. He is wrapping up the final details this week. The silent auction will be on Saturday this year. Mass times will be changed to 9:00 a.m. (English) and 10:30 (Spanish) the Sunday of Fall Festival only.
3. **New Parish Projects:** There are several facility projects which the parish may wish to consider now that the mortgage is paid off. It was mentioned that in order to obtain a loan from the diocese, the parish must have 50% of the funds required for any project desired already on hand. Father Chad mentioned that we should pull together a “town hall” meeting of parishioners in September or October to gauge support for various projects which the parish may consider.

**New Business:**

1. Steve Hanifan has resigned from the Parish Council due to his work schedule conflicting with council meeting times.

Committee reports:

Val Richardson said that Religious Ed registration is going better than expected. She still needs a few catechists. We are using a new text book series, and Val will be training catechists in the next two weeks. Classes start after Labor Day.

The Knights of Columbus need donations for bingo prizes. The “Big Breakfast” will be September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Tootsie Roll Drive will be October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Closing Prayer:** The Hail Mary, in honor of the Feast of the Assumption.

**Next Meeting:** September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary