

**St. Thomas Aquinas  
Parish Council Minutes  
For  
September 11th, 2012**

**Attendees:** Jerry Stovall, Val Richardson, Sr. Pat Russell, Kenny Davis, Betty Garrett, Father Chad Puthoff, Mary McClain

**Absent:** Rey Mendez, Sue Pecora, Carmencita Robles, Tom Tarrant, Beatriz Alvarez

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jerry Stovall at 6:07 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Jerry Stovall

**August Minutes:** Motion to adopt by Val Richardson and approved.

**September Agenda:** Motion to adopt by Val Richardson and approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Father Chad reported that the mortgage burning celebration went well, and that Bishop Choby was very pleased. Sister Pat asks that anyone with photos of the celebration to please contact her.
2. Phil Compana requests that the Memorial Day ceremony conducted by the Knights of Columbus include a reading of parishioners or family members of parishioners' names who have lost their lives in service to their country. This would require some announcements in the bulletin regarding this to try to develop a list of these names so that no one would be left off. A form will be inserted into the bulletin to collect names and pass to Phil for compilation. He also mentioned that he would like to have the celebrants of the weekend masses nearest Veterans Day recognize veterans. He would also like to see the parish start a prayer shawl ministry for the sick of the parish.
3. Fall Festival update: Ken Walker reports that everything is set and ready to go for the festival, with the exception of having enough volunteers to man everything. We also need baked goods for the dessert to go with the Friday night meal as well as bingo prizes.
4. Mary Ann Tarrant reported that the book marks for reverence in the Mass have been printed and are ready for distribution.
5. Town hall meeting: Father Chad would like to have a town hall meeting toward the end of October. The date will be decided later.

**Committee Reports:**

**Religious Education:** Val Richardson reports that there are now 2 catechists per classroom. The catechists will be commissioned at the weekend masses. There are 136 enrolled through grade 8, and about 20 in the high school class. We are about 20 kids ahead of where we were at this time last year, and we are almost into a crunch for space (thanks be to God!) We are using new materials this year which are lectionary based and go along with the readings.

**Closing Prayer:** Kenny Davis

**Next Meeting:** October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary