

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
March 12th, 2013**

Attendees: Val Richardson, Sr. Pat Russell, Kenny Davis, Mary McClain, Tom Tarrant, Jerry Stovall, Deacon Jim Keaney, Betty Garrett, Father Chad Puthoff, Ron Puschnig, Karen Dalton, Carmencita Robles

Absent: Rey Mendez, Sue Pecora, Beatriz Alvarez

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Jerry Stovall at 6:09 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Val Richardson

February Minutes: Motion to adopt by Mary McClain and approved.

March Agenda: Motion to adopt by Sister Pat Russell and approved.

Old Business:

1. Update on St. Patrick's Day dance
2. Year of Faith Committee report
3. Pamphlet rack update
4. Committee reports:
 - a. Socialization/parish life:
 - i. Fall Festival meeting 3/17 at 3:30
 - ii. Bake sale on Palm Sunday
 - iii. Giving Tree for St Vincent DePaul Society
 - b. Knights of Columbus:
 - i. Habitat for Humanity build
 - ii. Spaghetti dinner April 13th
 - iii. Big breakfast on March 24th (Palm Sunday)
 - iv. Prayer Vigil for the unborn in the Adoration Chapel on March 25th
 - c. Evangelization:

--Visitors to the Sick would like to have a healing mass sometime later this year
 - e. Eductation/formation:
 - i. First Communion: May 4th, 41 children in preparation
 - ii. Confirmation at the Cathedral May 26th at 2:30 p.m., 17 teenagers in preparation
5. Church safety meeting

New Business:

1. RCIA: 10 Baptisms (3 children, 7 adults in preparation)
7 being received into the community, 4 adult confirmations
2. Visitors to the Sick: Karen Dalton would like to publish a directory of those who cannot be physically present at the masses due to illness or infirmity, perhaps including a short biography to let parishioners know these people are in need of their prayers, calls, cards, and visits.
3. Holy water fonts at the side doors: in response to parishioner requests, the parish will be adding small holy water fonts at the side doors.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Mary McClain.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. April 9th, 2013

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary