

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
April 9th, 2013**

Attendees: Val Richardson, Kenny Davis, Mary McClain, Tom Tarrant, Jerry Stovall, Betty Garrett, Father Chad Puthoff, Ron Puschnig, Karen Dalton, Beatriz Alvarez, Rey Mendez, Sue Pecora

Absent: Deacon Jim Keaney, Sister Pat Russell, Carmencita Robles

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

Opening Prayer: “Prayer for Religious Liberty”, led by Jerry Stovall.

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

April Agenda: Motion to adopt by Mary McClain and approved.

Old Business:

1. Committee reports:

Daughters of Isabella are having the gift card raffle for St. Vincent DePaul. The Daughters Of Isabella meeting April 14th will be an open meeting for anyone to attend who might be interested in joining the DOI.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a spaghetti supper Saturday night, April 13th.

Religious Ed: First communion May 4th; Confirmation May 26th

VBS: June 24th-28th. Theme: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”.

Around 40 children participated in the Easter egg hunt.

Evangelization: Visitors to the Sick are looking for volunteers to make phone calls and send cards to parishioners who are sick or home-bound.

Ryan Thornton will be starting a jail ministry in the parish.

2. Pamphlet rack update—pamphlets are in the gathering space and on the credenza near the Chapel entrance.
3. 2013 Fall Festival update—The dates are tentatively set for September 27th-29th. There will be a meeting on April 21st in the adult meeting room. There are a few chair positions still open. An overall co-chair is also needed at this time.

New Business:

1. Divine Mercy Sunday: Volunteers are needed to organize observation of Divine Mercy Sunday for next year. Please contact Cindy Black on the liturgy committee if interested.
2. Father Chad reported that the sanctuary was extremely full for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and that it was difficult for everyone to find a seat. He is looking for ideas on how to hospitably accommodate the additional attendance, particularly on holy days.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Tom Tarrant.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. May 14th, 2013

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary