

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
August 13th, 2013**

Attendees: Karen Dalton, Kenny Davis, Betty Garrett, Deacon Jim Keaney, Sue Pecora, Ron Puschnig, Father Chad Puthoff, Val Richardson, Jerry Stovall, Tom Tarrant, Michael Roden

Absent: Carmencita Robles, Beatriz Alvarez, Rey Mendez, Mary McClain, Sister Pat Russell

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

Opening Prayer: Led by Val Richardson

July Minutes: Motion to adopt by Tom Tarrant and approved.

August Agenda: Motion to adopt by Val Richardson as amended and approved.

Old Business:

1. Committee reports:
 - a. Education: 46 families (76 students) are registered for religious education classes.
 - i. Need 4 more catechists for this year.
 - b. Knights of Columbus: Tootsie Roll drive to be held October 11th and 12th
2. Fall Festival update: Planning is progressing well—to be held Sept 27th, 28th, and 29th.
3. Parish picnic: Experiencing difficulty finding a suitable location at an affordable price.
4. Parish Mission: To be held August 23rd. Our guest speaker will be ValLimar Jansen.

New Business:

1. Father Chad noted that the diocese is moving toward requiring one-third of building project costs as a down payment prior to funding future loans. Because of this, he would like for the parish to build a reserve/building fund in order to be able to start future expansion projects.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Tom Tarrant.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. September 10th, 2013

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary