

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council Minutes for October 8, 2013

Attendees: Jerry Stovall, Mary McClain, Betty Garrett, Deacon Jim Keaney, Father Chad Puthoff, Dan Drab, Val Richardson, Tom Tarrant, Ken Walker, Beatriz Alvaraz, Ron Pushnig, Michael Roden, and Sue Pecora

Absent parish council members: Karen Dalton and Kenny Davis

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Stovall at 6:02 p.m.

The opening prayer was led by Deacon Jim Keaney.

Chairman Jerry Stovall began the meeting by asking for committee reports.

Val Richardson reported she registered 205 students this year, and that is an increase from last year.

She also reported the date and time for the sacramental prep meeting is Oct. 27 at 9:30. The youth dinner will be held on Oct. 30 at 5:00 p.m. The Rosary will be recited at the Putnam County Courthouse on Oct. 12th.

A Fall Festival summary was presented by Ken Walker.

A special collection for emergency funds discussion was put on hold as a committee was formed to present ideas to the parish council at the November meeting. This committee will be chaired by Mary McClain with Tom Tarrant serving as Vice-Chairman. Deacon Jim Keaney will serve as an assistant Vice-Chairman. Committee members are Beatriz Alvaraz, Betty Garrett, Jerry Stovall, and Sue Pecora. Dan Drab will serve as a consultant for the group.

Dan Drab presented information to the council which outlined the need for ways of providing more financial support for the maintenance of the church.

The Parish Finance Committee presentation was done by Ken Walker.

A 2014 Fall Festival was also discussed with ways to make it more profitable for the church while recognizing the efforts of the participants of the 2013 Fall Festival.

The Parish Council Election was discussed with ideas for new members. Currently, our latest member is Michael Roden who represents the Newman Organization.

The Closing prayer was led by Mary McClain.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jerry Stovall.