

**St. Thomas Aquinas  
Parish Council Minutes  
For  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Attendees:** Val Richardson, Kenny Davis, Mary McClain, Jerry Stovall, Betty Garrett, Father Chad Puthoff, Ron Puschnig, Sister Pat Russell, Tom Tarrant, Sue Pecora, Deacon Jim Keaney, Karen Dalton, Michael Roden, Carmencita Robles

**Absent:** Beatriz Alvarez

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jerry Stovall at 6:05 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Deacon Jim Keaney.

**October Minutes:** Motion to approve with corrections by Val Richardson and approved.

**November Agenda:** Motion to adopt by Mary McClain as amended and approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Committee reports: Daughter of Isabella are having a bake sale the weekend before Thanksgiving.
2. Giving and Development Committee: Contributions have declined to the point where we are not meeting current expenses. The parishioners need to be aware of this situation as the parish has trimmed the budget considerably to make up for the shortfall, and there is not much left to trim. Sue Pecora reported on the possibility of the parish sponsoring bingo games as a fund raiser. She discovered that the regulations at the state level make this very difficult and unlikely to be able to accomplish.
3. Council elections: There are 3 openings on the parish council. Elections are tentatively planned for weekend of November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Ken Walker presented the report on the Fall Festival. Net earnings were \$11,973.61. Next year's Fall Festival is tentatively planned for September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The first meeting has already been held. A chairman is needed for next year's festival along with several event chairs.

**New Business:**

Deacon Jim reported that several people have shown interest in participating in a young adult group or ministry. He is going to take the lead in gathering ideas that young adults may be interested in as a group or ministry.

**Closing Prayer:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Sue Pecora.

**Next Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary