

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
January 14th, 2014**

Attendees: Val Richardson, Kenny Davis, Mary McClain, Jerry Stovall, Betty Garrett, Father Chad Puthoff, Ron Puschnig, Sister Pat Russell, Tom Tarrant, Beatriz Alvarez, Deacon Jim Keane, Richard Howell

Absent: Sue Pecora, Michael Roden, Carmencita Robles

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

Opening Prayer: Led by Jerry Stovall

November Minutes: Motion to approve by Mary McClain and approved.

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

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

1. Faith Formation report:
 - a. 37 kids participated in the Gospel drama on Christmas Eve
 - b. Confirmation Retreat January 31st
 - c. 1st Reconciliation February 15th
2. Knights of Columbus Boston butts sale weekend of January 18th. Also, the Knights will be looking for help with the MR Drive this coming fall.
3. Fall Festival is tentatively set for September 26th-28th 2014. A Chairperson is needed for this event.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers for 2014:
 - a. Chairman: Jerry Stovall
 - b. Vice Chairman: Ron Puschnig
 - c. Secretary: Kenny Davis
2. Committee Chairs
 - a. Education/Formation: Val Richardson
 - b. Temporalities: Sister Pat Russell
 - c. Socialization/Parish Life: Tom Tarrant and Mary McClain
 - d. Evangelization: Mary McClain
 - e. Education/Faith Formation: Val Richardson
 - f. Liturgy/Spirituality: Deacon Jim Keane
3. Stations of the Cross
 - a. Parish Council will be hosting March 7th at 6:00 p.m. with soups, sandwiches, and drinks
4. A mid-year financial report was given by Sister Pat.
5. Hearing devices—Several of the hearing devices available in the church foyer for use by hearing-impaired parishioners are no longer working properly. Parish maintenance is working to correct this issue by repairing or replacing the units as needed.
6. Parish picnic—Beatriz Alvarez is going to look into the possibility of having a parish picnic this summer.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Deacon Jim Keaney.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. February 11th, 2014

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary