

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
February 11th, 2014**

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

Absent: Michael Roden, Carmencita Robles, Deacon Jim Keaney

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Jerry Stovall at 6:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Led by Val Richardson.

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

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

Old Business:

Confirmation retreat: 27 kids are preparing for confirmation. The confirmation retreat was held a couple of weekends ago. 38 kids are planning for first reconciliation Saturday, February 15th.

Committee Reports:

S.T.O.P. (St. Thomas Outreach Group) has had 96 visits so far this year.

The Daughters of Isabella will have a rummage sale April 4th and 5th in the parish hall. There will be a giving tree just before Mother's Day. Proceeds will be given to the S.T.O.P. group. The annual college scholarship is increasing from \$500 to \$1000.

Knights of Columbus: Big Breakfast will be the 23rd. Spaghetti supper and bingo is March 1st.

Fall Festival: The parish is still seeking a Chairperson for the Fall Festival. It is tentatively set for September 26th-28th 2014.

Temporalities: \$7,000 was sent to the Diocese to be placed in the parish savings account as a development/future building fund. This account now has \$19,000 in it.

Parish picnic: A parish picnic is tentatively set for June 22nd at the Cookeville Community Center.

New Business:

Dan Drab presented some concept drawings for an addition to the parish office/religious education building. The addition would add 3,322 square feet to the building, adding 5 rooms of approximately 400 square feet each and 2 offices of 168 square feet each. Projected construction cost would be roughly \$400,000. The parish would need \$200,000 on hand to obtain a construction loan from the diocese. Mary McClain made a motion to move forward with exploring fund raising options, Tom Tarrant seconded and the motion carried.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Sue Pecora.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary