

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

Attendees: Kenny Davis, Mary McClain, Jerry Stovall, Betty Garrett, Father Chad Puthoff, Ron Puschnig, Sister Pat Russell, Tom Tarrant, Beatriz Alvarez, Richard Howell, Helen Marie Kulis

Absent: Michael Roden, Carmencita Robles, Deacon Jim Keaney, Val Richardson, Sue Pecora

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

Opening Prayer: Lenten reflection given by Sister Pat Russell.

February Minutes: Motion to approve by Betty Garrett and approved.

March Agenda: Motion to adopt by Mary McClain and approved.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Helen Marie Kulis reported on S.T.O.P. (St. Thomas Outreach Program) group (formerly St. Vincent de Paul). This group recently began a new ministry in collaboration with the Newman Group and religious education classes to visit and bring cheer to parishioners who are ill, homebound, or have fallen on hard times.

The Daughters of Isabella are going to have a bake sale on Palm Sunday. The Rummage sale will be April 4th and 5th. The Giving Tree will be set up in April.

Knights of Columbus: The recent spaghetti supper and Boston butts sale exceeded expectations.

Visitation of the Sick Ministry: Jim Keaney reported that there are 24 people currently being visited regularly. Additionally, there is one visitor assigned to each of the following nursing homes: Bethesda, NHC, Mabry, and Standing Stone. Visitors also take Holy Communion to the hospital Monday through Friday. This group is needing more volunteers; please contact Irina Wesser if interested.

Fall Festival: Richard Howell is coordinating support for this year's Fall Festival.

Development Committee: Mary McClain reported on the Development Committee's efforts to determine possible ways to raise funding to provide additional space for future growth in the parish.

Temporalities: Tom Tarrant reported that there are issues with the size of the current safe. Sister Pat is going to work with the ushers to determine a solution.

Parish picnic: A summer parish picnic is tentatively planned for June 8th.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Deacon Jim Keaney.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. April 8th, 2014

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary