

**St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish Council Minutes
For
April 8th, 2014**

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

Absent: Michael Roden, Carmencita Robles

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Jerry Stovall at 6:04 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Given by Valerie Richardson.

March Minutes: Motion to approve by Ron Puschnig and approved.

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

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Education: 24 students and 8 adults were confirmed a couple of weeks ago. First communion is coming up on May 3rd with 36 students preparing. VBS is planned for June 24th-27th, the theme is Bug Safari, the topic is David and Goliath. Adult volunteers are needed for core staff for VBS. There is an Easter Egg hunt planned for April 19th at 11:00, sponsored by the Life Teen youth group. Life Teen is planning to attend a youth conference in Atlanta this summer. Val also presented some samples of talks on compact disks to parish council members for consideration of making the CDs available in the gathering space. The CDs were provided by Lighthouse Catholic Media for adult education on the Catholic faith.

Liturgical ministries: Deacon Jim reported that there are 122 people volunteering for this ministry. There are 15 commentators, 21 lectors, 54 extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and 35 altar servers. There are 17 families who have 2 or more members serving together. More extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are needed for the 10:30 a.m. Mass, and Altar Servers are needed for all Masses. Please contact Cindy Black if you are interested. There will be new Altar Server training sessions after Easter.

Fall Festival: There will be a planning meeting April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the adult meeting room. Anyone who is interested in helping with the Fall Festival is invited.

Development Committee: Deacon Jim Keaney shared a presentation regarding the need for additional building space in the parish and how this need may be met.

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

Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m., and the closing prayer was given by Deacon Jim Keaney.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m. May 13th, 2014

Respectfully Submitted: Kenny Davis, Council Secretary