

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

**January 16, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Father Fred, with Gary leading the prayer.

Members attending: Doris Brodeur, Gary Chmielewski, Kathy Crisman,  
Michael Deming, Mary Kella, Pat Tyler and Father Fred Tillotson.

Excused absences: Deacon Tom Grant, Janine Marrone

- Minutes approved: moved to approve Kathy Crisman and seconded Michael Deming

- Pastor's Report:

1. Christmas celebrations were deemed a success... children's liturgy especially well received and all services well attended and ran smoothly. The outside presentation of the Nativity Scene was applauded by parishioners.
2. Relative to progress on the building projects, the Bishop came to assess the various ventures. Approval of all but the site of the rectory was gained; however, the placement he prefers comes with a number of drainage and utility problems. The go ahead was given on the hall, followed by the rectory and then further discussion on plans for the new church. Air conditioning concerns need to be resolved and designations made for classroom sites. Current library will house a kitchen space, with warming oven. (Stove not in code) Library space will be worked out and redesigned at a later date.
3. Discussion ensued as to how to publish weekly financial figures. It often seems that that we are behind the prior year in collections, when in fact total finances are ahead of schedule. It was determined that a monthly comparison would provide a more accurate view, with a continuation of weekly collection figures as received.

- New Business:

Doris Brodeur, Ph.D. will be working as a Private Contractor for Adult Faith Development and has an office set up adjacent to the workroom. She is currently working on a series of monthly talks. The first one, on January 22, is based on Pope Francis' book, THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL.

- Actions:

The need for a Welcoming Committee to facilitate bringing new parishioners into the community was discussed. Although this has been tried in the past, new emphasis needs to be developed and possibly put in the hands of one of our existing groups.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Tyler seconded by Michael Deming at 5: 40 p.m.

The next meeting: February 20, 2014

Prayer: Michael Deming

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kella , Secretary

Father Frederick J. Tillotson, O.Carm

Pastor

Doris Brodeur, Ph.D., M.A.

Chairperson

