

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Father Fred, with Father leading the prayer.
Members attending: Doris Brodeur, Kathy Crisman, Michael Deming,
Deacon Tom Grant, Janine Marrone, Father Fred Tillotson, Pat Tyler
Excused absence: Gary Chmielewski, Mary Kella

- Minutes approved: moved to approve Janine Marrone, seconded Deacon Tom Grant
- Father blessed and installed Pat Tyler as a new member of the council.
- Discussion was held regarding terms of office for council members. Father Fred proposed that the 3 year terms of office begin from members' date of appointment, since this would create staggered expirations of term. There was consensus that this was a good plan.
- Pastor's Report:
 1. Father shared that education programs in the parish had been generally well attended and that he was planning for new educational opportunities in the spring. There was discussion about on-going adult religious education in the parish and the benefits of having social activities in conjunction with adult catechesis. Father advocated Carmel Club as an avenue to achieve this and shared he is exploring the most advantageous structure and leadership for this venture.
 2. David VanCampen has been hired as our new Music Director. Father stated he is very happy with his performance, as well as David and his wife's involvement in the parish.
 3. The new parish website is up and running. Thanks to Linda for her hard work on the project. Website is a great start but is still a work in progress.
 4. Parish Christmas wreath sale has concluded. Michael reported that there was about \$2,100 in gross sales, which will generate a profit of probably \$100-200. Proceeds will go toward new altar items. Father also shared that a parishioner approached him during the wreath sale and offered to pay for new sets of altar linens. It was suggested that e-mail blasts be used next year to help promote the wreath sale.
 5. Father reported that his meeting the Bishop went well and was told that there wasn't a problem with pursuing (1) new rectory, (2) hall renovations, and (3) new church building. Will allow Father to set up a non-assessed savings account for a new church building and wants a church search committee to work on concept and feasibility study over the next 2 years. Father is awaiting a letter from the Bishop to finalize their conversation.
- Old Business:
 1. Janine reported on Luncheons for Life and efforts to increase support for the 6 pregnancy centers in Sarasota County. Recurring problem of need for involvement of new people from the parish.

2. Deacon Tom reported that the OLMC Thanksgiving Day dinner is proving to be a great success. 40 people are coming to dinner. Parish and people have been very generous in donating items and their time.

- Actions:

1. Deacon Tom reported that the Lectors have held their annual ministry meeting. Lectors will now be doing the pre-Mass greetings and intros. Eucharistic Ministers annual meeting is upcoming. Efforts are ongoing to encourage the youth of the parish to join ministries, with the eucharistic ministry proving the most difficult.
2. After discussion of Christmas outreach activities, concern was expressed over confusion of multiple similar giving programs. There was consensus that starting in 2014 there is a need to examine OLMC's charitable outreach programs and possibly focus new giving on more "local" needs. Suggestion was made for the formation of an OLMC Outreach Committee that would conduct an examination of causes and outreach programs that OLMC should direct its efforts toward.
3. There is need for constant contact on issues and events in the parish. Suggestion was made for ongoing parish-wide email blasts with parish news and programs, not just funeral announcements.
4. Discussion was held about "connection cards" being added to the bulletin each week, good idea but no commitment yet. Education programs or classes could be part of "Club Carmel" agenda. Global mission outreach was discussed. Several members suggested that mass journals (where points made during the homily are recorded for future reflection) should be encouraged.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Tyler, seconded by Deacon Tom Grant at 5:55 p.m.

The next meeting: December 19, 2013

Prayer: Janine Marrone

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Deming
Acting Secretary

Father Frederick J. Tillotson, O.Carm
Pastor
Doris Brodeur, Ph.D., M.A.
Chairperson