

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 19, 2013**

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

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

Excused absences: Deacon Tom Grant, Pat Tyler

● Minutes approved: moved to approve: Janine Marrone, and seconded: Kathy Crisman

● Pastor's Report:

1. Our Website is now being handled by Linda Jefferson. A note of appreciation is extended to Linda, as well as to Glenn Sosa who originally activated the site for us.
2. Relative to the additions and construction projects, the Bishop has indicated that he plans to make an onsite visit before final approval is possible.
3. Christmas plans are in place and on schedule; the Nativity Scene will be placed on the St. Francis site this year, with luminaries on Christmas Eve.
4. Fr. Donald Buggart, O.Carm, will preach the Lenten Mission, beginning the first Sunday of Lent.

● New Business:

Doris Brodeur introduced Darwin Reeck, a guest parishioner, as she presented a comprehensive and detailed draft of a Mission Outreach proposal she is submitting to the Council for consideration. Mr. Reeck is interested in the concept and has agreed to work with Doris and others should this come to fruition. Entitled "MISSION OUTREACH, Loving Our Neighbor in an Age of Globalization", it encourages/challenges our community to think beyond our borders to meet the needs of countless deserving, yet underserved people, possibly in Latin America. The process would take prayer, community education, financial considerations, interested parties, locations with special needs, even possible trips to these areas. Doris' proposal is all-encompassing and definitely worthy of further study. The Council recommends proceeding with a Steering Committee and timeline for development of this course of action.

● Action:

The possibility of including various educational programs during the Knights of Columbus coffee and donut Sunday mornings was discussed and will be investigated.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Crisman, seconded by Janine Marrone at 5:20 p.m.

The next meeting: January 16, 2014

Prayer: Gary Chmielewski

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kella  
Secretary

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