

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 20, 2014**

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

Members attending: Doris Brodeur, Kathy Crisman, Michael Deming,  
Mary Kella, Janine Marrone, Father Fred Tillotson and Pat Tyler

Excused absences: Gary Chmielewski, Deacon Tom Grant

- Minutes approved: moved to approve, as amended, Pat Tyler & seconded Janine Marrone
- Pastor's Report:
  1. CFA collection weekend netted \$4,686 in cash and 217 pledge/cash envelopes. Of the \$81,720 returned to us on the 2013 overage, \$21,794 donated to Catholic schools in our area, \$21,794 to reduce our Seminary assessment and \$38,132 added to our savings account.
  2. Lenten events have been published and "Black Books" are available to parishioners for their perusal. Since there are extended hours for confession (by direction of the Bishop), no Penance Service will be held at OLMC. Stations of the Cross and 3 Soup Suppers are scheduled. Baby Bottles will be distributed the second week of Lent, with bottles to be returned on Palm Sunday and donations directed to My Choice Pregnancy Center.
  3. The Parish Mission, with Fr. Donald Buggert, O.Carm, STD is scheduled to begin on Sunday, March 8, through Thursday, March 13.
  4. St. Patrick and St. Joseph events will be celebrated together on Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m., with meat provided by the parish and potluck items by the attendees. The newly formed Carmel Club will host the event here at OLMC.
  5. The Bishop and the Diocesan Building & Property Board met with Father to further discuss plans for our building renovations and new rectory. No challenges to current plans, but (to date) go-ahead has not been given.
- Old Business:
  1. Doris provided an update on Adult Faith Development. Attendance has been good for all three programs, developed by Father Fred, Deacon Tom and Doris.
  2. The Mission Outreach program is still in development stage; however, ideas, including Fair Trade sales, etc., were discussed. Our parishioner, Maureen Snyder, is leaving March 8 for another mission trip (sponsored by Helps, Int'l) to Guatemala.
  3. Welcome Committee ideas were again discussed re people who might be willing to offer their services, the process involved and social aspects of such a ministry.
- New Business:
  1. The lack of response by parishioners to our ongoing need for ministry volunteers is a concern. A suggestion was made to go public with a "Ministry-a-Week" table set up after all Masses, in the church foyer, to encourage participation. Mary Kella will contact ministry chairs for their assistance.

2. Website content updates need to be made. Suggestions were made for a possible coordinator.

● Actions:

Volunteer efforts, Welcome Committee implementation and Website updates.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Crisman      seconded by Mike Deming      at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting: March 20, 2014

Prayer: Janine

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kella  
Secretary

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