

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Father Fred, with Michael leading the prayer.

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

- Minutes approved: moved to approve Pat Tyler & seconded Gary Chmielewski
- Pastor's Report:
 1. Easter preparations are in place. Adult Ed classes up & running, Black Books well received, Holy Week ministries assigned, Good Friday services set for 3:00 and Easter Vigil will begin at 8:15 (no Baptisms), Sunday services 6:30 (outside on patio), 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30.
 2. New construction and remodeling plans on hold for now.
 3. Setting up committee to begin investigation of new church scenarios and a feasibility study to measure dollar amounts needed and expectations from present donors.
 4. Carmel Club's first event is the Parish Picnic on March 23. A survey would be helpful to consider activities. Meant to be a social entity, possibly partnering with the former Men's Club.
- The 2014 Mission, capably presented by Rev. Don Buggert, was well received, with good attendance at all four evening sessions and morning Masses. Suggestion made for a more contemplative perspective or personal conversion idea in 2015, perhaps setting a theme which could be carried through with the adult ed classes, etc.
- Ministry Recruitment is continuing at all week-end Masses, only a few volunteer sign-ups, but hopefully planting seeds for future involvement.
- Life Advocacy issues, according to Janine, are going forward with the yearly Baby Bottle distribution to be held the week-end of March 29-30, with proceeds to My Choice Pregnancy Center. "Luncheons for Life", which has garnered an enthusiastic following, will celebrate its one-year anniversary with a dinner on April 10.
- The Welcoming Committee is still a work in progress, with Bruce Crisman ready take this on when it's determined how it can be successfully implemented.
- Action: Committee asked to consider what is needed for Fall 2014. How do we create excitement and encourage more participation?

Motion to adjourn by Gary Chmielewski

seconded by Kathy Crisman at 5:45 p.m.

The next meeting: April 24, 2014

Prayer: Father Fred

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kella
Secretary

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