

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

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

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

Excused absence: Deacon Tom Grant    Resignation: Richard Clark

- Minutes approved: moved to approve Gary Chmielewski , seconded Janine Marrone  
It was noted that minutes are not posted on our website, which is now in transition.  
Donna Pierson will be taking over and Mary will see that documents are sent to her.
- Father welcomed our new members, Kathy Crisman and Michael Deming, with a blessing and introductions were shared with present members.
- Pastor's Report: Fr. Fred
  1. New rectory still under advisement, waiting for water and sewer availability. The County is waiting for a decision on road cut through until Phase 2 of construction.
  2. The bishop is encouraging our initiation of fundraising for the new church and has indicated no tax on moneys collected toward this endeavor.
  3. A Knights of Columbus chapter has been met with interest by men of the parish.
  4. A Financial Review of the past year's results will be given by Deacon Tom in the near future. Linda Jefferson is working on a presentation of pertinent information in an easy-to-understand format.
  5. A listing of scheduled educational opportunities is available, which Father will be highlighting in coming weeks at all Masses. In addition to Father Fred, other presenters will include Deacon Tom Grant and Dr. Doris Brodeur, as well as other qualified personnel.
- Update on Life Advocacy Ministry  
Janine reprised the success enjoyed by Luncheons for Life which highlights/sponsors area maternity centers. Luncheons held 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of each month in various locations. On Right-to-Life week-end, Oct. 6-7, 2013, a wine & cheese or mimosa & continental breakfast will be held to invite all parishioners to get involved in Life Advocacy issues. Janine will investigate activities related to the 40 Days for Life campaign. End of Life activities include vigils held the day of any prison executions.
- Review of Strategic Planning Goals  
A review of positive action on Strategic Planning issues indicated results in several areas: education calendar of events, improvement with liturgical ministries, and ongoing discussion on social aspects of fundraising. Goals should be established in order to initiate any designated funds. Many ideas were forthcoming and will be investigated.

- Actions: Mike Deming will explore past experience with the Christmas Wreath campaign, with input from the committee on where profits could be directed.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Crisman, seconded by Mike Deming at 5:50 p.m.

The next meeting: October 17, 2013

Prayer: Kathy Crisman

Gary Chmielewski, our vice-chairperson will preside over our October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kella  
Secretary

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