

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2016

6:03 pm

**Members attending:** Darwin Reeck, Father Fred Tillotson, Deacon Tom Grant, Michael Deming, Pat Tyler, Greg Raclaw, Pat Harris, Jim Hancock, and Maureen Gonnello.

**Excused absence:** Gary Chmielewski, Kathy Crisman, and Janine Marrone.

**Absent:** Fr. Richard Supple.

- **Opening prayer** was led by Darwin Reeck.

- **Minutes** of 3/18/16 meeting approved as corrected (change spelling of Demming to Deming): motion to approve by Jim, seconded by Pat T.

- **Amendment to Pastoral Council By-Laws.** Further discussion was held regarding the previously proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 3. The following language was adopted unanimously:

*Article IV: Membership*

*Section 3: All assigned clergy members and a member of the Finance Committee are to be ex officio members of the council. Ex officio members participate fully and equally in all Council decisions and each has one vote.*

- Greg Raclaw and Pat Tyler announced that they are resigning their seats on the Council, effective at the conclusion of the April 2016 meeting. Council chair and Fr. Fred thanked both for their service.

- **Nominating Committee.** Jim, Maureen, Pat T., and Greg volunteered to serve as a Nominating Committee that will meet over the summer to compile suggestions of new members for the council and explore their interest in serving. The committee will report back with possible new members at the next Council meeting.

- **Pastor's Report.**

- Father Fred reported that he and Deacon Tom met with the Bishop and staff regarding the question of rehab plans for the existing worship space at OLMC versus building a new sanctuary space. Following their meeting, the Bishop is giving Father Fred's suggestion to proceed with the rehab plans further consideration.

- The third quarter financials at OLMC are right on budget. Father will be presenting a balanced budget at the next Finance Committee meeting.

- **Retrospective Review, Future Planning, and Miscellaneous Information.**

- Good feedback from parishioners has been received regarding: OLMC social gatherings, OLMC rec hall, and Knights of Columbus.

- Father Don Henry is scheduled to preach the next Parish Mission.
- Attendance has been excellent at Adult Faith Formation programs, good feedback on selection and variety of topics presented.
- Had two RCIA candidates this past year. Pleased with the program and outcome.
- Parish will continue moving forward with ecumenical programs, particularly with Mission of Hope in Venice and our neighboring Holy Spirit Episcopal Parish.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> will be last 3:00 pm Mass of the season.

● **Elections.**

Chair

- Father Fred nominated Darwin Reeck as Chair, seconded by Jim.
- Motion made to close nominations by Pat T., seconded by Pat H.
- Darwin elected.

Vice-Chair

- Pat T. nominated Jim Hancock as Vice-Chair, seconded by Maureen.
- Motion made to close nominations by Fr. Fred, seconded by Deacon Tom.
- Jim elected.

Secretary

- Darwin nominated Janine Marrone as Secretary, seconded by Maureen.
- Motion made to close nominations by Pat H., seconded by Jim.
- Maureen elected.

Motion to adjourn by Maureen, seconded by Greg at 6:55 p.m.  
The next meeting: October 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Prayer: Maureen Gonnello

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Deming on behalf of Kathy Crisman, Secretary

Father Frederick J. Tillotson, O.Carm., Pastor  
Darwin Reeck, Chairperson