

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Darwin Reeck with Jim Hancock leading the Prayer.

Members attending: Darwin Reeck, Father Fred Tillotson, Deacon Tom Grant, Jim Hancock, Maureen Gonnello, Patricia Harris, Bea Grieco, Michael Deming, Lee Konzelman and Sam Moorman.

Excused absences: Father Richard Supple and Kathy Crisman.

Minutes: Motion to approve by Jim and seconded by Bea.

Darwin was asked by Kathy Crisman if we could possibly change our meeting date from the 3rd Thursday of the month to the 2nd Thursday of the month, otherwise she would be unable to attend the meetings. Motion made to go to 2nd Thursday of month by Jim and seconded by Pat, all in favor. Motion carried.

Father Fred welcomed and Blessed Sam Moorman as newly commissioned member of the Council. Sam gave a brief back ground of his life and the rest of the members did the same.

Pastor's Report:

Father Fred said that, as he looks forward, our financial stability is within budget. He is ready for Advent and Christmas, but would like the choir to be more active, but so many in the choir are snow-birds, which makes this difficult. Our mahogany doors, to the worship space, will have a large arch in the middle with glass and beautiful hardware will say "Sacred Space" and we will have Saints, example: Little Flower, St. John of the Cross, Fr. Titus and Mother Theresa on the glass.

New Business:

Father Fred has considered having a Parish Pastoral Plan for some time, as we have nothing on paper to guide our future. The Diocese does not have a Pastoral Plan. Darwin helped design a Pastoral Plan in another parish and asked the group if they think we really need a plan. Father Fred also has been involved in creating other pastoral plans and feels it is more important in process, than in implementation. It would be a living document which would forever change with the needs of the parish. Other ideas and/or concerns from the group included: the time and effort necessary to create a meaningful plan; if we don't have a plan in place there will be

no direction for any future pastors; how to design the listening process within the parish; we already have many good programs without a plan; we may be missing good input from parishioners if we don't create a plan; and, we don't need to be in a hurry so that we do it right. Darwin gave each of the members an info sheet on "What is a Parish Pastoral Plan" which may give us helpful information for discussion in January. Further discussion was tabled until January.

Sam asked how many families are registered in the Parish. In Jan., Feb., and March there are 1300 attending and in the Summer 650. Census shows approximately 1000 families registered.

Father Fred is interested in a new Parish Directory feels the pictures help us to recognize our Parish family. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Lee, seconded by Michael at 7 p.m.

The next meeting: January 12, 2017 at 6 p.m. Prayer by Lee Konzelman.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Gonnello, Secretary

Father Frederick J. Tillotson, O.Carm Pastor

Darwin Reeck, Chairperson