

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Pastoral Council**

January 15, 2015, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Members attending: Father Fred, Darwin Reeck, Doris Brodeur, Kathy Crisman, Father Richard, Janine Marrone, Gary Chmeilewski, Deacon Tom Grant and Jim Hancock.

Excused absences: Mike Deming, Pat Tyler

Opening prayer was led by Darwin Reeck

Minutes approved on motion by Gary, seconded by Janine

Term renewals and new appointments were discussed. Doris, Janine and Gary have agreed to serve on the Pastoral Council for another 3-year term.

Amendments to the Constitution of the Pastoral Council

Father Fred made a motion to expand the number of members on this Pastoral Council to twelve, and to change the wording in the Constitution to reflect this change. The motion was seconded by Janine and agreed by all.

A second motion was made that Pastoral Council members must be registered full-year residents of OLMC parish, seconded by Deacon Tom and agreed by all. This amendment will be added to our Constitution Article 4, Section 1 re: Membership.

A nominating committee was formed to add additional members at our April meeting. Members serving on this committee are Gary, Janine and Jim.

Adult Faith Development Coordinator, Doris, reported that all the adult programs have good attendance.

Youth Religious Education, under the leadership of Margaret McHugh, has a First Communion class of 7 boys and 1 girl. Confirmation class has 2 girls. January 23rd is the first Family Night with a spaghetti dinner, movies and music. Fifteen people are registered to attend.

We are **evaluating OLMC's mission, vision, and direction for 2015**. It was decided it would be good to put our Council members' names in the bulletin so parishioners can talk to us about their concerns. We discussed Liturgy at OLMC and came to the conclusion that it would receive a grade of A-. Some concerns were voiced about the lectors, music, and other aspects of the Mass that we liked or wished would be better.

At the next meeting, we will evaluate other areas of the parish, such as Social, Education, Service Outreach and Youth Ministry.

Motion to adjourn was made by Darwin and seconded by Deacon Tom.

Next meeting: February 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Prayer: Father Fred

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Crisman
Secretary

Father Frederick J. Tillotson, O.Carm
Pastor

Doris R. Brodeur,
Chairperson