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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday January 15, 2019**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of John 2: 1-11.

The minutes from the November 2018 meeting were approved.

The meeting was chaired by Paul Herman in David Howell's absence.

Decision and Discussion Items

- Paul Herman lead a discussion of Living as Missionary Disciples. Fr. Kevin suggested that Parish Pastoral Council members consider how they understand what it means to have a mission and how they would explain it to others. And what kind of questions someone might ask about it. It was a very active discussion giving rise to even more questions. Some members are not comfortable talking about their relationship with Christ and do not freely discuss it. Some others mentioned that we have so little experience having this type of discussion. Other questions included how to explain what we do on Parish Pastoral Council. Members agreed that they want to continue this discussion at future meetings and include how we move from Maintenance to Mission. It was mentioned that Maintenance looks inward and Mission looks outward. It was mentioned that our Parish is very giving and asked how we let others know. To prepare for the next meeting members were asked to read pages 5 through 8 in the Living as Missionary Disciples booklet and to consider how they understand what it means to have a mission and how they would explain it to others, and apply it to evangelization, themselves as individuals and as Parish Pastoral Council.
- The Diocese has obtained a grant to support parishes using FORMED which is an internet resource for Catholics. The Diocese will pay for the subscription for the first year and then

it will decrease the amount it pays each year after that. Our parish considered this a few years ago but decided not to subscribe. It was agreed that this was a good program and we will participate now. We will need at least two people to help support this for our parish. There is a webinar on Friday Feb. 1 from 1-2 pm. Monica Vlasz volunteered. Fr. Kevin, Beth Rossetti and Charlie Hunt will attend the webinar. On Friday February 22 there is an all-day workshop at St. Noel.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

We continue to have one candidate for RCIA. His name is Tim Rosian. Please pray for him and that others may answer God's call to join the Catholic Church. Amen. The RCIA Team still does a wonderful service in leading others to know and love the Lord. The Team is Kathy McCoy, Sue Meinke, Janet McPeeks, Bill Moster, Terry Denniston and Bob Bobnar.

RCIA OTR

I have been visiting a handicapped woman who is interested in joining the Catholic Church. Her name is Mindy. She is in a group home with a Catholic woman, Taylor, who receives Holy Communion from parishioner Dan Cmarik. Both of us visit the young women every Tuesday. We are at a point where she wants to be baptized and join the Church. I am waiting to get her parents involved.

PSR

The PSR school year continues to well. The school has been recently updated with WI-FI. This is to enable broader access to the internet for teachers, staff and guest presenters. First grade PSR teacher Melinda O'Connor, who teaches computer technology and multimedia use professionally, will be working with teachers to assist them in using this in their lessons.

Students will participate in the Called to Protect program in February.

Sacramental Preparation

Parents and children will participate in a "First Penance Workshop" next month and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on February 17.

Parish Lenten Mission

The dates and presenter for the 2019 SJM Lenten Mission have changed. The revised dates are: March 31, April 1 and April 2. Fr. Thomas Blau, O.P. will lead the mission with the theme, "Why is There Still Suffering?" It will cover atonement by Christ, the call to discipleship, reparation and the mystery of suffering. It will include daily opportunities for confession and involve various prayer experiences such as the Rosary and Benediction.

Leslie Simpson deserves all the credit in researching and planning this Mission as well as ones in previous years.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

The Worship Commission met January 8, 2019 and reviewed the Christmas season. It was discussed that our parish needed to have all the Masses that were scheduled.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

Meets on January 17, 2019,

Pastoral Associate/Minister Report:

Beth Rossetti

Confirmation 2019

- Classes are going well.
- Our Confirmation Retreat on January 12 went extremely well.

FRESH Faith 2019

- Classes are going well.

Pop and Praise

- Open Gym and Game night – on January 24, 2019 6-8pm. For all high school teens
- We made 12 blankets for Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital.
- Workshop for Human Trafficking is on Sunday, February 10 at 2:00PM in Lambur Hall.

General

- **Christmas card Writing Party for Our Neighbors.** Catholic Charities sponsors Living Mercy in our World: Christmas card writing campaign we wrote over 800 cards. Our cards were delivered to 9 different places, our homebound and the incarcerated whose family members attend our parish. We received some very nice thank you notes from various facilities.

Stewardship Commission

Stewardship Commission activities to be presented to Parish Council by Theresa Safigan, Stewardship Chairperson

- We have started collecting items to put in gift packages. A USO list has been put in the bulletin so the parishioners know what is needed. There will be package stuffing on February 4, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in Lambur Hall. Light supper will be served. USO of Cleveland will be mailing the packages and paying the postage to the service men and women deployed. We will be taking up a collection to help the USO defray the cost.
- Coffee with Caregivers group has been formed to meet monthly to talk about struggles found in care taking. They meet once a month on various days. This is not a support group. This is ongoing.

Deacon's Report:

Tim Shell

Completed Server training before Christmas. Five adults and one youth were trained.

March for Life, January 18, 2019: The First Catholic Ladies Association has two busses going to Washington DC for the March for life this week. There are 13-15 empty seats on the bus and anyone who wants to can go. Students from VASJ and Benedictine are going. The bus leaves Thursday night at 11:00 PM and arrives in Washington DC in the morning. They will walk to the Capitols arena and have a youth rally and a Mass, and then the will march to the Mall.

Some parishioners are going with Lake Catholic students.

Our Parish will have a prayer service from 1 PM to 3 PM on Friday.

Italy trip: Maybe February 27 to March 7, 2020 while John Carroll is on Spring Break. Tim will talk to Fr. Mark about whether there may be a day trip to Assisi.

The next meeting is February 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary