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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday January 16, 2018**

**Prayer and Faith Sharing:** Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

David Howell chaired the meeting.

The minutes from the November 16, 2017 meeting were approved.

**DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS**

**Refurbishing the Church:** Bid Packages are ready to be sent to contractors who have dealt with the diocese before. It is planned that bids will be in by mid-February.

**Report on Grateful Giving:** Some parishioners are still responding to the campaign. There has been an increase in offertory collections since the campaign. There were large weekly collections over the Holidays. More people are using the EFT option.

**Parish Pastoral Council Membership:** This was thoughtfully discussed again and agreed that we will go forward with the members we have. David Howell will continue to serve as coordinator and Anna Rhodes as secretary. New members can join any time.

**Parish Concerns:** David mentioned the idea of hosting a business fair some weekend and invite local businesses to participate. It is good for the parishioners to get to know our local businesses as well as a networking opportunity for them. It also gives the community a chance to get to know more about our Parish. The idea was well received. David will get information on how to do this from the local Chamber of Commerce. It will be discussed again at future meetings.

## **UPDATES & REPORTING:**

**Religious Education:** Charles Hunt

### **RCIA**

We have 1 unbaptized catechumen, 2 baptized candidates and 1 person preparing for Confirmation. We have 6 inspiring team members helping the new candidates experience the beauty of the Catholic Church and the warmth of St. Justin Martyr Parish.

On Sunday the 21st at the 9:30 Mass, we will celebrate the Rites of Acceptance & Welcoming. Through the Rites of Acceptance (for the un-baptized) and Welcoming (for the baptized) inquirers express publicly their intent to enter the Church. This rite, and others, take place during the Mass allowing us as parishioners to recognize, welcome, pray for and support those wanting to join our family of faith.

### **PSR**

PSR continues to progress swimmingly. We currently have 74 students taught by an excellent faculty of inspiring parishioners. On Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>, the teachers celebrated with an 'Epiphany Party'. It is a way to say thanks for all the hard work the teachers perform and a chance to gather, eat and enjoy each other's company.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

The children will be celebrating First Penance on Sunday, February 11. It will be preceded by a Penance Workshop for them and their parents to better prepare for receiving the good Lord's forgiveness.

### **Parish Lenten Mission**

The 2018 Parish Lenten Mission will be February 25-27, 7:00-8:00pm. Fr. Michael Lee from St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church will be the mission director. The theme will be "The Desert: Place of Transformation." Each evening will be preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confession and spiritual direction. Announcements, prayer cards and other media will be soon forthcoming to promote the event.

### **Lenten Adult Education**

There will be an Adult Education series on 3 Fridays in Lent. As of now, it will be a presentation on conversion using Bishop Robert Barron's talks.

### **Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin**

The meeting was January 9, 2018. The commission reviewed the Christmas celebration. They are beginning to plan for Lent and Holy Week.

### **Finance Council: Fr. Kevin**

The meeting is Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY AND PASTORAL MINISTER'S REPORT- Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Minister**

Presented by Fr. Kevin in Beth's absence.

### **Confirmation**

- Retreat is going to take place this weekend January 20-21, please keep our candidates and catechists in your prayers.

### **FRESH Faith 2017**

- Fresh Faith 2018 has 5 teens attending. Sessions are going well.

### **General**

- **Stewardship Commission**

1. The Stewardship Commission and Pop and Praise are teaming up in February 12 at 6:00 PM to do a service project. Called "Purses and Paks."

- We are collecting purses and backpacks that are slightly used and adding toothbrushes, toothpaste, travels size shampoo, lotion, washcloths, etc. and taking them to the homeless and shelters.
- This service night includes dinner at 6:00 and a Mardi Gras celebration. Dinner is going to be chicken and sausage gumbo with rice and salad and dessert. A \$3.00 charge per person.

- **Evening of Confession is scheduled for February 28, 2018**

- Augustine Institute has put together a website to be purchased with various teaching tools. i.e. movies, lectures, talks, etc. We are looking for your opinion on this website. It's a locked site, below are the trial information for this site. Please let me know your opinion on whether this is would be good to purchase. Purchase price is \$1,750 per year. The whole parish will then have access to this site. You can pass this information around to others you think might be interested. I think it's only good until the end of the month.

**Go to: FORMED [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)**

**Username: [trial@formed.org](mailto:trial@formed.org)**

**Password: **Epiphany#18** (Case sensitive. No spaces.)**

Fr. Kevin asked that members review this site as soon as possible because it may not be available much longer.

## **DEACON'S REPORT-Tim Shell**

**Church in the City:** With Fr. Kevin's blessing, I preached at Holy Redeemer the first weekend in January. Homily was well received by the parishioners and Fr. Marty. Helping periodically with catechesis (Baptism Class, PSR, and RCIA).

**Marriage Enrichment:** The team in initial planning stages for a future event. No additional details to report.

Reviewed potential Rome Trip with Fr. Mark Latcovich. He has made some tentative plans to travel to Rome with another group in 2019. We will look to plan a trip for March 2020. Dates would be Thursday, February 27, 2020 to Sunday, March 8, 2020.

**Social Media:** St. Justin Martyr's presence continues to grow. The Facebook page has 480 "likes," an increase of four from November. The Twitter account has 84 followers, an increase of two (2) from November. Instagram has 74 followers, a increase in two (2) from November.

**Lenten Program:** I will be developing a Lenten program. Details to be worked out with Fr. Kevin and Charlie Hunt.

**The next meeting is Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 6:30 PM.**

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary