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Tim Shell, Deacon	Joe Chabail
David Howell	Tom Keaty*
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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday February 20, 2018**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of Mark 9: 2-10.

David Howell chaired the meeting.

The minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting were approved.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

Feedback on FORMED: Dave was able to review and thought it was well designed and useful. Other members tried to visit the website, but the temporary password didn't work. After some discussion it was thought that it would not be used by the average parishioner. Beth offered to talk with other parishes that have used the service to see what their experiences have been. She also said that some of the same films are available on YouTube.

Networking: Dave shared some further ideas. The event would be scheduled after Easter and local organizations and businesses would be invited. There was some discussion of how to make it attractive to parishioners, like offering gift cards and a drawing. Some businesses that participate will also have items to give away. Possible dates were discussed, and the thinking was that it could be for a few hours after Masses on Sunday from 10:30 to 2:00 or so. Plans will be firmed up at the next meeting.

Report on Grateful Giving: The Grateful Giving Program was a great success. We are awaiting the final report. We can say that the offertory income has risen significantly from being \$4,000 under budget at the end of October to \$18,600 at the end of January. At the end of January, the actual offertory was \$24,400 over the previous year.

Parish Concerns: Tim mentioned that some parishioners were discussing Mass times at the Fish Fry. Other parishes nearby have reduced the number of Masses which can result

in larger attendance at fewer Masses and a different Mass experience. Council briefly discussed the Masses. There are good reasons to maintain our current Mass times. More thought and discussion needs to be given to this issue.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt
Read by Dave in Charlie's absence.

RCIA

We have 1 unbaptized catechumen (now called Elect), 1 baptized candidate and 1 person preparing for Confirmation in RCIA. One of the candidates who had been with the program will wait until next Easter to join the Church and the young lady preparing for Confirmation will be confirmed with the SJM students in September. 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.

We celebrated the Rite of Sending at the Sunday 11:30 Mass for Lexi. She went to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. Jennifer also went, but for the Call of Continuing Conversion. The two ladies were accompanied by Fr. Kevin, sponsors, team members and family members. Bishop Perez celebrated the rites which were very inspiring. We will celebrate the three Rites of Scrutiny at various Masses in the coming weeks.

PSR

PSR continues to progress just swell. We currently have 74 students taught by an excellent faculty of inspiring parishioners.

Sacramental Preparation

The Sacrament of First Penance was celebrated on Sunday, February 11. Fr. Kevin, Fr. Marty from Holy Redeemer, Fr. Steve from Mary Magdalene and 'rent-a-priest' Fr. John Valley heard confessions. Many families attended with their second graders and participated in the Sacrament. Music and prayer accompanied the beautiful celebration. Next stop is First Holy Communion in May.

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. Everything seems in place for a wonderful Lenten Mission.

Lenten Adult Education

The SJM Lenten Adult Education Series will be centered on Bishop Robert Barron's talks on biblical stories of conversion. It will be a chance to dig deeper into how Jesus changes the lives of the blind beggar Bartimaeus, the rich young man, the Samaritan woman, and St. Matthew. It will be held on Fridays in March 9, 16 & 23/ 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the school's A.T.R. room.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

The Worship Commission met on February 6. Continued preparation for Lent and Easter.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

Please see the information on Grateful Giving. The meeting took place on February 15th. #Expenses are about \$3,000 under budget.

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

Confirmation

- We had a great Retreat the weekend January 20-21. We're getting ready to make Easter Baskets with our sponsors and attend 5:00PM Mass on March 18. Bishop Roger Gries OSB will be our main celebrant for this parish Mass. Afterwards we will have dinner in Lambur Hall along with a Confirmation Lesson from Bishop.

FRESH Faith 2017

- Sessions are going well. Our retreat will be in April.

General

- **Stewardship Commission**
 1. The Stewardship Commission and Pop and Praise made 1476 "purses and paks" on February 12 at 6:00PM.
 - We collected over 500 various items.
 - Our dinner was Jambalaya with king cake and chocolate chip cookies.
 - Distribution will take place this week. They are going to St. Mary's Painesville and The Emma Caley Home.
 2. Plans are on the way for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24, 2018 from 11am-1pm in Lambur Hall for ages infant -12 years old.
 - We have some very nice prizes and donations coming in.
 - Collection of candy to fill eggs are needed by March 20.
- **Evening of Confession is scheduled for February 28, 2018**

DEACON'S REPORT-Tim Shell

Marriage Enrichment: he next date night is being planned for April 21.

Rome Trip: It has been difficult to coordinate with Fr. Mark's schedule. May plan a trip for next year. Tim mentioned that his daughter has been there and can help plan the trip.

The interest on Social Media continues to grow slowly.

Tim is planning a Lenten Program for March 21 in the Church.

The next meeting will be a week early because our Communal Penance Service in March 20th.

The next meeting is Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary