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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday February 21, 2017**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading: Matthew 6: 24-34

Minutes of the January meeting were approved via email.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:

Refurbishing the Church: Bishop Thomas granted permission to hire an architect to draw up final plans for pricing for the addition and restroom renovation. He also approved continued planning for the worship area refurbishing. We will continue to engage the diocesan Facilities Service Corp. and the Office of Worship. The next step is to contract with the architect.

Open Discussion: Encouraging Young Professional Interaction: This discussion was continued from past meetings. Tim suggests that couples of all ages could be included. Some ideas for events or activities included wine and cheese, cornhole, “brats”, sports, movies, videos, couples’ dances. Some ideas included food theme nights. Also suggested were events to enrich married life.

Networking was also discussed. This discussion included attending Indians or Cavs games, playoffs, Facebook, twitter if published in the bulletin it may bring more attention. Suggested a link to Facebook be published in the Bulletin.

The parish photo directory was last done five years ago, it may be done again this year.
Trips: Fr. Latkovich is thinking about a group trip to Rome.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

60 Minutes with Christ/RCIA

60 Minutes with Christ continues to have a good response, approximately 20 parishioners attend. Most parishioners come regularly while others attend when they can. There was a decrease in attendance due to inclement weather. It is back up now.

PSR

Everything is going swimmingly. All PSR teachers recently fulfilled the new diocesan policy requirements for child protection.

Parish Lenten Mission

Everything is falling into place. Leslie is doing a smashing job communicating with Fr. Conley preparing the lectors, members of the worship committee and others involved. The advertising continues to go out in stages.

Lenten Book Discussion

I will be having a Lenten book discussion group using Scott Hahn's book, The Lamb's Supper. It will be held on 3 consecutive Friday afternoons; March 24, 31 & April 7 at 3:00-4:30pm in the school's ATR.

Sacramental Preparation

The parish second graders celebrated First Penance on February 12. A First Penance workshop was held the Monday prior to help prepare the youngsters for this special encounter with the merciful Jesus.

SacREd

A fourth grader is finished with the special preparation to make his First Confession and Holy Communion.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

The Worship Commission met February 14, 2017.

Music Ministry – Tom Gulden continues to teach the new diocesan Mass parts. Both the Contemporary Choir and the 11:30 Choir are learning new songs and will introduce them to the congregation soon.

Lectors – Leslie Simpson is contacting all lectors about taking a turn at the 5pm Sunday Mass. A very few are doing most of them and they would appreciate some more help.

Music for each evening of the Mission was decided on. Tom & Choir will do Sunday and Tuesday, Contemporary Choir Monday and Wednesday. Handouts for each evening are being prepared.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

Meeting Feb 16, 2017

Budget Matters –The Offertory income is about \$16,800 under budget. With both Christmas and New Year's falling on Sundays, the collection was about \$7,300 less than last year. Overall the expenses are in line with the budget.

In view of the recent rise in the stock market, the Council recommended that we lock in some of the gains and prepare for the project by withdrawing funds from the endowment security investments and putting the cash in the endowment savings until they are needed.

Office Security Improvement – The Council authorized funds to install a door security system for the church and church office. This will be in operation mainly in the late afternoon and evenings. A camera and buzzer system like the one at the school building will be installed inside the vestibule. The inner doors of the vestibule will be locked electronically. The office personnel will buzz you in. The installation will be within a few weeks.

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

Confirmation 2017

- February session was completed
- March session will be a complete review of the year.

FRESH Faith 2017

- February session will be studying the Creed
- March 17-18 FRESH Faith Retreat will be Joyfully Gifted for Youth Ministry. I will be giving the retreat with material from the Diocese. I was on the committee that wrote the material for the Diocese.

Pop and Praise

- January 25 game night was cancelled due to lack of interest.
- Parish Service Night is on February 22 from 6-8 PM. Blankets will be made for Rainbow Hospital and dinner will begin at 6:00 PM with a prayer Service.
- Meeting February 21 at 7:30 to see if any teens would like to go to the National Catholic Youth Conference.
- Advertising for Living Stations of the Cross will begin this weekend.

General

Stewardship Commission

- Looking at dates to run the Joyfully Gifted Retreat for Adults in the Parish for 3 consecutive weeks.
- Will be updating the table of pamphlets in the gallery.
- Various trifolds will be put out for ministries that are holding events.

Diocesan Evening of Confession on March 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

- Will have someone there to help with questions concerning the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Updated pamphlets will be in the gallery.

Advertising for the Fellowship Meal begins in mid-March.

- This meal will take place Holy Thursday, April 13 from 6:00 -8:00 PM

Lenten Booklet is being mailed to households the beginning of next week.

Deacon's Report - Tim Shell

Church in the City. Assisted at Holy Redeemer's Mass on February 14. I am continuing my work with the Holy Redeemer confirmation catechesis program. Upcoming events include St. Joseph's table on Friday, March 17 (no meat served).

Marriage Enrichment Team held the second Date Night for couples on Saturday, February 11, 2017. There were thirty couples in attendance from three different parishes. Evaluations indicated very positive results. Many liked the presentations that were made by the core team couples. Others enjoyed time with their spouse, the environment that was created, pictures that were given. Information was also gathered on ideas for future events. Be sure to watch the bulletin for an event coming up in May.

Social Media. The Facebook page has 453 "likes," and increase in one (1) from January. The Twitter account has 69 followers, and increase in three (3) from January. Instagram has 65 followers, an increase in three (3) from January. I am continuing to work to expand the social media effort into more of a team. Since I am not able to be at every event, the "team of reporters" would post content to the sites. No new volunteers have surfaced, but I will keep trying.

Altar Server Training. I will be scheduling training with Justin Panchula for time between the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday in March/April. Prior to the training, we will visit the PSR rooms to encourage sign-ups. Bulletin announcements will also be placed.

The next meeting is Tuesday March 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary
From Notes taken by Secretary Anna Rhodes.