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| Fr. Kevin Liebhardt, Pastor | Anna Rhodes |
| Charles Hunt, Director of Religious Education | Carol Horgan |
| Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Minister | Paul Herman |
| Tim Shell, Deacon | Joe Chabail |
| David Howell | Tom Keaty* |
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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday March 13, 2018**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of John 12: 20-33.

David Howell chaired the meeting.

The minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting were approved.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

Church Renovations: Construction on the addition will begin on April 2, the Monday after Easter. The contractor is Lawlor Construction. The project will include handicapped accessible washrooms, a maintenance room, replacing the HVAC system for the new addition. Mike Strainic and Butch Kless, parishioner who are very experienced with construction are pleased with the sub-contractors. The actual cost will be more than the original estimate which did not include everything; like fixtures for example. Originally the project was to have been completed in 2 phases, but that would have been more expensive. The project should take about 10 weeks and be completed by mid-June. There was a discussion of whether to have a parish meeting about the project but with Easter just a few weeks away there does not appear to be sufficient time to schedule one. The plans will be in the bulletin and are also available on the parish web page.

During part of the construction the rest rooms will not be available. There will be a “luxury” handicapped accessible “portable” washroom just outside the west entrance to the church.

Another add-on to the project is improving the west entrance to the church.

Parish Mission: Leslie Simpson has prepared a summary of the evaluation of the Parish Mission which was given to Council members. Those who attended rated this year’s Mission very highly and felt that Fr. Michael Lee was very dynamic and inspiring. Videos

of the Mission were available on-line and were viewed by 8100 on the first night and 20,000 had the opportunity to view it. 208 views were actual parishioners.

Parish Concerns: Continued the discussion on Mass times from last month. Beth had filled Fr. Kevin in on the discussion. Fr. Kevin asked if anyone had very strong opinion. A few things mentioned is that within a few miles of our parish there are Masses almost every hour during the day on Sunday. While Mass attendance is decreasing, it is not decreasing as fast as the parish population. After discussion it was decided that we are not recommending changes to our Mass schedule right now, but that it is a good discussion to have from time to time.

Networking: The proposed date for the Community Networking Fair is May 6th, Donut Sunday. Dave will be in charge of getting commitments from local businesses. It will be for several hours until early afternoon. It is hoped that people will stop in for a donut and visit some of the tables set up in Lambur Hall. Participants usually bring information on their businesses or services as well as “give aways” that people can take with them.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

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 appeal of St. Justin Martyr Parish.

The Elect, Lexi, has been participating in the 3 Scrutiny Rites which take place the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent at various Masses. It is a chance to pray for her intently during the final leg of her Easter Journey. We will have a retreat for the Lexi and Jennifer on Palm Sunday.

PSR

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

Sacramental Preparation

Parents of the First Communion Class just participated in a meeting overviewing the practical concerns of First Communion. They watched a video on the Mass as a part of the meeting. This helps the parents learn more about the Mass and enables them to echo this to their children.

Lenten Adult Education

The SJM Lenten Adult Education Series is being offered on Fridays in March 9, 16 & 23/ 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the school's A.T.R. room. It is 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.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

There has not been a meeting.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

The meeting is Thursday March 15th.

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

- This weekend we will be making Easter Baskets with our sponsors to share with Holy Redeemer's Easter Egg Hunt and West Side Catholic Center. We will attend 5:00PM Mass with Bishop Roger Gries OSB as our main celebrant for this parish Mass. Afterwards we will have dinner in Lambur Hall along with a Confirmation talk from Bishop.

FRESH Faith

- Our retreat will be on April 14, Joyfully Gifted for Youth Ministry. All ninth graders from the parish have been invited to attend this day long retreat.

High School Teens

- Both the Confirmation and FRESH Faith teens will be attending the Center for Pastoral Leadership on April 29 for 11am Mass and a tour of the facility.

General

- **Stewardship Commission**
 1. 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.
 - The parish is invited to help stuff Eggs on March 20 from 10am-1pm and from 6:00pm-8:30PM.
 - We have over 12 baskets for our Bunny Basket Drawing donated by Joyce and Charlie Cox along with a few from other donors.
 - Needed are cookies and fruit cut up snacks
- The Fellowship Meal is scheduled for Holy Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 for fellowship, 6:15 Prayer Service and 6:30PM Dinner. The cost is \$4.00 per person, \$12.00 family to cover the main course and each family will bring a side dish to share with 12 people.
 1. Look for people to have their feet washed.
 2. To clean up after the meal.

- Good Friday once again the teens will be doing the Living Stations of the Cross at 8:00PM. Come join us at this prayerful time.
- Evening of Confession is scheduled for February 28, 2018 was very successful. Both Fr. Liebhardt and Fr. Valley were busy with a steady flow throughout the night.

DEACON'S REPORT-Tim Shell

Marriage Enrichment: The next Couples' Night is Saturday, April 21. The theme will be Theology of the Body - The True Meaning of Life, Love, Sex and Gender. Sign up will begin this week end and the cost is \$15.00.

Deacon Shell helped with Mass at our Church in the City Partner Parish, Holy Redeemer on March 4th.

No additional progress to report on planning the trip to Rome.

Social Media: Facebook likes have increased to 504. Twitter has increased by 1 to 86 and Instagram has remained the same at 75.

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The next meeting is Tuesday April 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary