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David Howell	Carol Horgan
Leslie Simpson	Paul Herman *excused

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

**Prayer and Faith Sharing:** Apostles Creed and Reading: John 9: 1 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Minutes of the February 2017 meeting were approved via email.

**DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:**

**Recruiting Plan for New Members:** Reviewed current Council members' terms. Four members' terms are up this year, so four new members will need to be recruited. There will be a notice in the bulletin before Easter and members will speak after Masses following Easter.

**Responses from the Parish Mission:** Leslie Simpson said that she sent articles to other parishes, St. John Vianney and St. Mary Magdalene and received good coverage in their bulletins. There was a very good turnout. The Mission evaluation based on feedback from parishioners was also reviewed with council.

**Refurbishing the Church:** Fr. Kevin reported that the contract with Smith Architects for the church addition and renovation has been drawn up and signed by the architect and the parish last week. It was sent to Bishop Thomas for his signature. It should be completed this week.

**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. The program will be over toward the end of April.

**PSR**

Children just finished contributing to the annual mission drive. Funds are given to the diocese to disburse to various missions.

### **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**

Second grade parents recently participated in a First Communion parent meeting which previews the upcoming schedule and allows them to learn more about the Mass.

### **SacREd**

A fourth grader made his First Confession and Holy Communion earlier this month.

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

The meeting was March 9, 2017. The music for all 4 nights was finalized. Art and Environment developed ideas for sanctuary decoration.

Easter Music: The oboist and violinist will play for the Easter Vigil, 9:30 AM in Lambur Hall and 11:30 AM in Church. The organist will play at 7:30 AM Mass.

Three new Eucharist Ministers were trained and are serving.

Server training will be underway soon.

Easter Vigil: Because there are no candidates or catechumens for initiation We plan to do an additional one or two readings for the Liturgy of the Word.

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

Meeting: March 16, 2017

Budget Matters –The Offertory income is about \$21,000 under budget. We had anticipated a modest increase this year but are behind last year's Offertory by about \$17,000. Expenses are about \$2,000 over budget, but basically in line with the budget.

The investment market is up for the year. In our Church Endowment, we moved \$50,000 from the investment account to the money market account to lock in gains and prepare for the church refurbishing project.

### **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY AND PASTORAL MINISTER'S REPORT- Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Minister Confirmation 2017**

- Going well. Our April 2 session will be our Service Project with candidates and sponsors making Easter Baskets for Holy Redeemer Easter Egg Hunt.

## **FRESH Faith 2017**

- March 17-18 FRESH Faith retreat Joyfully Gifted for Youth Ministry was held. The teens enjoyed the retreat and learned their 5 charisms. They experienced adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (every positive feedback from the teens) and we closed our retreat by attending 5:00PM Mass.

## **Pop and Praise**

- Parish Service Night was held February 22 from 6-8PM. 22 Blankets were made for Rainbow Hospital we had about 30 people in attendance.
- National Catholic Youth Conference. - Will take place on November 16-19, 2017. We have 6 ninth grade teens that are committed to go and 4 adults Kim Naderer, Mike O'Connor, Deacon Tim Shell and myself.
  - Our first fundraiser will be held March 25-26 and April 1-2.
  - Cost per person is \$499.00 diocesan -- total \$650.00 SJM
- Fellowship meal is being planned and advertised for Holy Thursday, April 13 at 6:00PM for fellowship with the meal served at 6:30PM.
- Living Stations of the Cross practice has started, please join us for Living Stations on Good Friday, April 14 at 8:00PM.

## **General**

- **Stewardship Commission**
  1. The Joyfully Gifted Retreat for Adults of the parish will run for 3 consecutive weeks beginning May 2, 9, 16.
  2. A rotation of Ministry Trifolds has been taking place in gallery. Have you noticed?
  3. An Easter Egg Hunt for the parish and the community will take place on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00-1:00PM. Please join us. Little ones that RSVP you will receive a prize when they enter.
- **Diocesan Evening of Confession on March 15 from 5:00-8:00PM.**
  1. Was very successful.
  2. Fr. Mark Latcovich and Fr. Kevin Liebhardt were our confessors.

## **Deacon's Report -Tim Shell**

**Church in the City:** Assisted at Holy Redeemer's cluster Mass on Monday, March 13. Assisted at Holy Redeemer's Daily Mass on Wednesday, March 15. Assisted at Mass for St. Joseph's table and attended the dinner as well. I am continuing my work with the Holy Redeemer confirmation catechesis program. Confirmation is scheduled for May 20. I will be presenting a topic at their RCIA retreat as well. Upcoming events include Lenten dinners of Pasta Fagioli (Beans and Macaroni) as well as Easter celebrations with the parish community.

**Marriage Enrichment Team** is planning a Couple's Night Cut on Saturday, May 20. The team is meeting on Wednesday, March 29 to plan the event. Details will be coming out very soon.

**Trip to Rome:** Based on requests from the last PPC meeting, I have begun a dialogue with Fr. Mark Latcovich regarding a trip to Rome. We have begun preliminary planning for a trip that would take place in early January (before the Seminary classes start) 2019. The trip would be a walking Rome experience. We would fly into Rome and stay in a hotel close to the Vatican. Most everything that would be worth seeing is within walking distance of the hotel. The trip would last about ten days (From Thursday, January 3 to Tuesday, January 15). It would include tours of the Vatican, St. Peters, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul outside the Walls. It would also include other significant Roman landmarks like the Pantheon, the Coliseum, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Planning is in the initial stages but Fr. Mark emphasized two things. It will be as inexpensive as possible and it will be a walking tour.

**Social Media:** The Facebook page has 453 "likes," and no increase from January. I did, however, try something new. The last day of the mission I streamed the final ten minutes live on Facebook. So far, the post has reached 468 people, five have shared it and 220 people have viewed it. Inspired by this I did another stream from the Bishop's seminary brunch on Sunday. It reached 346 people, one shared it and 154 people have viewed the video. During the second video, I had people watching the video as it was live streaming. The Twitter account has 72 followers, and increase in three (3) from February. Instagram has 66 followers, an increase in one (1) from February. 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. I have a couple people interested in helping. I will be following up with them and hopefully expanding this ministry.

**Altar Server Training:** I scheduled server training with Justin Panchula for time between the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday in March 26, April 2 and April 9. We will visit the PSR rooms on Monday, March 20 to encourage sign-ups. Bulletin announcements were also placed.

**Evangelization:** Work continues with the Homeward Bound Ministry to evangelize to the community.

**The next meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM.**

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