



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 April 17, 2018**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of John 10: 11-18

David Howell chaired the meeting.

The minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting were approved.

Church Renovations: Construction is moving ahead quickly and is a bit ahead of schedule. They are here Monday through Friday. The temporary restroom is operational. Asked that children be accompanied by an adult when using the restroom.

Local Business/Networking Fair: Melissa Howell, Dave's wife is coordinating. The event is on Facebook and we have already have a few vendors who have signed up for tables. About half have been spoken for already.

Parish Pastoral Council will have a table where we can recruit new members. Extra Donuts will be ordered for Donut Sunday as we hope more people will stop by after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses.

The Fair will be Sunday, May 6th from 10:00 AM until 1:30 PM.

Final Report on Grateful Giving: Fr. Kevin provided a handout to Council describing the results of the campaign. There has been a substantial increase in the weekly offertory, \$2,115.21, and outright gifts were provided. 451 families participated representing about 27% of the families registered. The cost of the campaign was recovered within five weeks. Grateful Giving was a successful campaign.

Discussion on recruiting new Council Members: Parish Pastoral Council members will speak at the Masses on May 5th & 6th, and May 19th & 20th. They will work on an outline

to which each speaker can add their own experiences.

Parish Concerns: Kevin Fox and John Inwoo Jeung will be ordained deacons on Friday April 27th. Kevin Fox will assist at a celebratory Mass on Saturday April 28 at 5:00 PM.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

Lexi Goetz and her daughter Mallory were baptized on the Easter Vigil. Lexi was also confirmed and received Holy Communion. Jennifer Boles made her Profession of Faith, was confirmed and received Holy Communion. Samantha Kwedder was also confirmed, by special permission of Bishop Nelson Perez. The Vigil Mass was beautiful as well as especially moving and inspiring. The new Christians continue to meet on Thursdays in order to get acclimated to the general public.

PSR

The students recently participated in a Mission drive. They collected \$106.23 which is donated to Catholic Missions. The final class for the PSR school year will be Monday the 23rd. Everyone will attend the evening Mass to mark the blessing of another year. The teachers will enjoy a small party at the end of class.

Sacramental Preparation

May is a busy month for sacramental preparation. On the 5th, the First Communicants will participate in the Jesus Day Retreat followed by First Communion practice on the 8th and finally First Communion on May 12th. There are 15 second graders receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

Lenten Adult Education

The SJM Lenten Adult Education Series on Conversion went very well. Several parishioners approached me about having sessions like these on a different day of the week and time, though. Feelers will be put out to ascertain optimal times in the future.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

There was a review of Holy Week Liturgies. The general feeling was that we prayed the liturgies well. Music, readers, environment participation seemed good and engaging. There will continue to be two 9:30 AM Masses on Easter Sunday.

There are two concerns: We need to develop servers, youth and adults. We were helped by Megan and Patrick Hobart and the seminarians, Kevin and John.

We also need to have an alternative plan in bad weather for the Holy Thursday Procession to Lambur Hall and Holy Saturday for the Easter Fire.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

At the March 15 meeting the finance council reviewed the church renovation project financing. Consensus was that we would not take additional money out of the investment accounts at this time. The cash on hand and our credit line used for the convent to rectory project would suffice to pay for the project. Additional investment funds could be called on if needed.

The effects of the Grateful Giving program were noted. To the end of February offertory was \$18,000 over budget.

Expenses are on budget. With the beginning of the renovation project expenses will increase but so will the budget.

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

Confirmation

- We made Easter Baskets with our sponsors for Holy Redeemer's Easter Egg Hunt who chose 30 baskets and West Side Catholic Center who took 64 baskets. We attended 5:00 PM Mass with Bishop Roger Gries OSB as our main celebrant afterwards we had dinner in Lambur Hall and enjoyed a Confirmation talk from Bishop.
- Our next session will be a tour of the Center for Pastoral Leadership on April 29 at 10:45 AM. We will be attending 11:00 AM Mass, having lunch and touring the center. Parishioners are invited to join us.
- On May 6 we will be touring the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with sponsors and families beginning at 3:45 PM and staying for 5:30 PM Mass. All are invited.

FRESH Faith

- Our retreat will be on April 14, Joyfully Gifted for Youth Ministry for all ninth graders was canceled due to a low RSVP count. It will be rescheduled for the beginning of their Confirmation year, thus giving them 2 retreats in Confirmation.
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Pop & Praise

- Our last Pop & Praise is an adoration night on Sunday, April 22 at 6:00-7:30 PM in the Church.

General

Stewardship Commission

- Our Easter Egg Hunt was very successful we had 101 Children attend and over 200 adults.
 1. We had wonderful donations given to us this year. Theresa Safigan got our donations for us. Our Donors: Longo, Chick- Fil-A, Giant Eagle, Eat'n Park, McDonalds Eastlake, Dunkin Donuts – Willoughby, Wendy Willowick, Cala's Pizza, Nick's Family Restaurant, Texas Road House, D'Amico. Most of these went into our eggs the bigger prizes were in our first-place baskets. Thank you letters were sent out.
 2. We hid over 7,000 eggs. A huge thank you to our parishioners for providing this candy.

Holy Week

- The Fellowship Meal was on Holy Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 for fellowship, 6:15 Prayer Service and 6:30 PM Dinner. The cost was \$4.00 per person, \$12.00 family to cover the main course. We had 157 people attend.

On Good Friday our parish teens lead the Living Stations of the Cross at 8:00PM as a prelude to this we showed the Sand Story of The Passion by Joe Castillo

DEACON'S REPORT-Tim Shell

Marriage Enrichment: Couples' Night scheduled for April 21 has been postponed. The Diocese requires insurance and a license for alcohol. It will be rescheduled in the future.

Church in the City: Celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19 with Mass and traditional St. Joseph's Table. Participated in a Cluster Mass on March 12. Preached and assisted the weekend of April 7th and 8th.

Trip to Rome: No update.

Social Media: Pictures from the Easter Egg Hunt and renovation are on Facebook as is the Business Fair Event.

Facebook: Increased likes by 3 from 504 to 507.

Twitter: No change in followers. Steady at 86.

Instagram: Increase in followers by 1 from 75 to 76.

The next meeting is Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary