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Charles Hunt, Director of Religious Education	Dave Rossetti*
Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Minister*	Anna Rhodes
Tim Shell, Deacon	Rick Jablonski*
David Howell	Carol Horgan
Leslie Simpson*	Paul Herman
	John Jeong, Intern
	*excused

**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday May 16, 2017**

**Prayer and Faith Sharing:** Apostles Creed and Reading: John 14: 15-21.

Minutes of the April 2017 meeting were approved via email.

David Howell chaired the meeting in Ben Russo's absence.

Fr. Kevin introduced John Jeong. He is the summer intern from the Seminary and will be participating in our Parish. Council Members introduced themselves.

**DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:**

**Recruiting Plan for new Members** – Ben, Leslie, Rick and Dave R's terms are up and new members are needed. One person expressed interest but is not able to attend today.

**Refurbishing the Church:** Working on architectural, structural, electrical and mechanical drawings along with sheet specs for general contractor bidding. The timeline has not been set.

**Ad-hoc/parish concerns:** The Willoughby-Eastlake School District recently approached Fr. Liebhardt about the possibility of leasing the school building. The district is building a new elementary school on the grounds of Longfellow Elementary School. The construction is to begin this summer and they are looking for space to use beginning in August 2017. After a brief preliminary discussion with the district and the diocese, Fr. Liebhardt wrote to Bishop Thomas for permission to proceed with the discussion. We are awaiting the Bishop's response.

We are exploring the possibility of leasing the school building for 1.5 to 2 years during construction. The School district would use the building during the school day. The parish would have use of the building outside of school days and hours. This is a simple overview. All the details need to be worked out.

This is a mutually beneficial possibility for our local community and the parish. It would be a good service to the school community and families. It can raise our profile in the community. The financial assistance would be beneficial as we continue our church refurbishing project.

PPC members discussed this and raised some concerns but also the perceived benefits to the arrangement. The major concern is any restrictions on the parish use of the school building. Fr. Kevin asked that members think of issues and pass them along to him so they can be addressed. Council recommended that the discussion with the Willoughby-Eastlake School District continue.

**Is the Justice System Just?** The meeting will take place next Tuesday, May 23 at St Mary Magdalen. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the program will begin at 6:30. It would be good to attend. Charlie Hunt said he planned to attend.

### **UPDATES & REPORTING:**

**Religious Education:** Charles Hunt

#### **60 Minutes with Christ/RCIA**

60 Minutes with Christ ended on April 27<sup>th</sup>. I believe it was a successful and worthwhile series that several parishioners attended practically every Thursday and benefited. As of now, there may be a few potential candidates for RCIA starting up in the fall.

#### **PSR**

The PSR school year ended on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The teachers enjoyed an end of the year party in gratitude for the wonderful service they offer to the children of our parish. All but one of the teachers will be returning next year.

#### **Sacramental Preparation**

First Holy Communion was celebrated on May 13. The Mass was beautiful as was the weather. The Jesus Day Retreat on May 6 went very well, too.

#### **Homeward Bound**

The Homeward Bound Ministry will be implementing a 5-week program starting at the end of this Month. The program entails naming, praying for and inviting friends or family members who no longer attend Mass to return to church. There will be a 'Listening Session' on Monday, June 26 for those seeking to reconnect with the parish.

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

The Worship Commission met on May 9, 2017. They reviewed the Holy Week and Easter Services and felt they went well.

Clarified for the musicians and Lectors that the feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday May 28 rather than Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, that we would use the Pentecost Day readings for both the Vigil and Pentecost Sunday Masses.

Ordered several new server albs and cinctures. The Holy Name Society is donating funds for the purchase.

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

The Finance Council met on April 20, 2017. Through March the offertory is down about \$22,000 from last year (excluding the Easter collection which is in April this year.) We are about \$4,000 over budget on expenses. We have been able to capture some gains from the good investment returns to help with the deficit.

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

#### **Confirmation 2017**

- At our April 2 session Service Project with candidates and sponsors we made 47 Easter Baskets for Holy Redeemer's Easter Egg Hunt and Forbes House in Painesville.
- Our Sponsor's received at blessing at the 5:00PM Mass.
- On May 7, we completed our annual tour at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with families and sponsors.
- We received our date for Confirmation, it will be the 11:30AM Mass on Sunday, September 24, 2017 will Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak, Delegate to Apostolic Administrator as our Presider.

#### **FRESH Faith 2017**

- April was our last session. A mailing will take place in late June, early July for the beginning of next Confirmation next year.

#### **Pop and Praise**

- Parish Service Night was held May 2 from 6-8PM. 18 Blankets were made for Rainbow Hospital.
- May 9 open gym.
- National Catholic Youth Conference. - Will take place on November 16-19, 2017. We have 6 ninth grade teens that are going and one tenth grader. Four adults Kim Naderer, Mike O'Connor, Diane Goss and myself for a total of 11 people going. We have paid our deposit of \$1,100.
  - Our first fundraiser of a religious item sale made \$286.00 and we are still selling.
  - Our Bake sale made \$461.55
  - Trader Jack Fundraiser Day - \$277.20
- Our Holy Week Services were held with our teens participating for both the Fellowship Meal and Living Stations of the Cross.
- Our Graduation Blessing will be this Sunday, May 21 at 11:30am Mass.
- Our next pop & praise will be on June 2 a bonfire at Timberlake Beach.

## General

### Stewardship Commission

- The Joyfully Gifted Retreat for Adults of the parish is happening now in its last week May 9, and 16 it was held.
- A rotation of Ministry Trifolds has been taking place in gallery.
  - Fellowship Meal
  - North Coast Vets
  - Coming soon - Preschool

Lifetouch Photography will be coming to the parish this year.

- They will be taking pictures through the middle of July
- Information will be posted soon

### Captains Ball Game

- The parish will hold a St. Justin Martyr Day at the Captains Stadium on June 11 at 1:30PM.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the parish and the community took place on April 8 and was very successful. We are going to do it again next year.

### Garage Sale

**Early Entrance June 21 6-8PM \$5.00 fee**

**Thursday, June 22 9:00AM-7:00PM**

**Friday, June 23 9:00AM-4:00PM**

**Saturday, June 24 9:00AM-6:00PM**

**Sunday, June 25 9:00AM-1:00PM**

- Sunday, Fill a bag 1:30-2:30PM \$2.00

Drop off treasure days in Lambur Hall

June 14-16 10am-2pm

June 17-18 after all Masses

June 19-20 9am-7pm in Lambur Hall

Our teen Facebook and twitter page has picked up 6 new members over the month.

### Deacon's Report - Tim Shell

Church in the City. Assisted at Holy Redeemer's First Communion Sunday, May 7. Confirmation is scheduled for May 20. Presented Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching during the RCIA retreat.

Marriage Enrichment Team held Couple's Night Cut on Saturday, May 20. The night was attended by 20 couples plus 14 couples of the team for a total of 58 people. Appetizers and desserts were served as well as beverages. The message for the evening was delivered by video, Yakov

Smirnoff's Happily Ever Laughter. The video explored the relationship between laughter and a healthy relationship. Yakov also taught the importance of G-I-F-T, Give Importance, Fun and Tim

Fr. Mark Latcovich and I have begun preliminary planning for a trip that would take place in early January (before the Seminary classes start) or March (Spring Break) 2019. The trip would be a walking Rome experience. We would fly into Rome and stay in a hotel (Residenza Madre Pi) close to the Vatican. I walked by the hotel when I was in Rome in April and it is very, very close to the Vatican. In addition, most everything that would be worth seeing is within walking distance of the hotel. The trip would last about ten days (Probably Thursday to Saturday). I 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. I have also engaged a Tour Company to begin the planning. We are still 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 458 "likes," an increase of five from March. Louise Formica has done a great job of adding photos to the Facebook page. This reaches a wider audience when people share the posts, so please share and encourage others to do the same. The Twitter account has 76 followers, and increase of four (3) from March. Instagram has 67 followers, an increase in one (1) from March. I have added Paul Herman and Judann Horn as editors to the Social Media accounts. The hope is that this will increase our coverage of events at St. Justin Martyr.

Altar Server Training. Justin Panchula completed training with two new servers. We have interest from other parishioners, but they were not able to make the training. I will be following up with them in June to complete the training.

**The next meeting is Tuesday, June 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM.**

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary