



Fr. Kevin Liebhardt, Pastor	Anna Rhodes
Charles Hunt, Director of Religious Education	Carol Horgan
Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Minister*	Paul Herman
Tim Shell, Deacon*	Tom Keaty
Monica Vlasz	Paul Matias
	Christine Rowles
	*excused

**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday August 20, 2019**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of Luke 13: 22-30.

The minutes from the June 2019 meeting were approved.

Paul Herman chaired the meeting.

Decision and Discussion Items:

- Discussion of Living as Missionary Disciples
 - Discussed ideas of how to use gifts and talents and how to encourage each other. What would help other people to understand our role as missionary disciples? Invite someone to come to Church? The discussion also included the importance of rituals, how people come to God. Also, a member suggested saying “I believe” when talking about our faith instead of “the Church teaches”. It was mentioned that some people think the church is bad because there are some bad people in the church.

 - The next assignment is developing a pastoral plan for missionary discipleship. Read pages 20-24 in the booklet.

- Parish Council leadership
 - Council members participated in a discussion to discern leaders for this year. Tom Keaty will be the Chairperson, with Paul Herman as Assistant Chairperson and Anna Rhodes as Secretary.

Parish Concerns:

- Discussed church membership. Members are interested in the demographics, but are also interested in how many move away, how many new families move in, and how we reach out to them. Very few people let the parish know when they move away. A card is sent to new families moving on but that does not often get a response.
- Phase 2 of the renovation was put on hold this spring because of Fr. Kevin's hip surgery and recovery. We will begin soon.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

Candidate Tim Rosian continues to pursue joining the Catholic Church at St. Justin. His Profession of Faith and Confirmation will hopefully take place in the near future.

Morgyn McCalligan will be going through RCIA. She is a baptized Catholic but needs to prepare for and to receive First Communion & Confirmation. She is now in the period of Inquiry and will start the weekly sessions in the fall. Philip Bowser will be entering the RCIA process in the fall, too. Philip has been attending Mass at SJM for years with his wife. Finally, Kaylee Datz, parishioner Patrick Hobart's fiancée, will be entering the RCIA process, also.

The RCIA Team provides a wonderful service in leading others to know and love the Lord. The Team is Kathy McCoy, Sue Meinke, Janet McPeeks, Bill Moster, Terry Denniston and Bob Bobnar.

Please pray for Tim, the newcomers and the Team. And pray that others may answer God's call to join the Catholic Church. Amen.

PSR

All PSR teachers will be returning for the next academic year. We had a beginning of the year meeting last night to gear up for the new year. Longtime parishioner, Cynthia Lino, has been hired to replace Maria Mujic as the Religious Education Secretary.

FORMED

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Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

No Meeting.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

Finance Council met on August 15, 2019. The annual parish finance report to the diocese was approved and sent to the diocese.

Income: \$849,175 Expenses: \$782,250 Surplus: \$65,929

Offertory: 657,180, about \$15,713 less than last year.

Pastoral Associate/Minister Report:

Beth Rossetti

Confirmation 2019

- Our last session was May 5 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This was for sponsors, candidates, families and parishioners. Confirmation interviews took place.
- Our date for Confirmation Liturgy is Sunday, September 22 at 11:30 AM Mass with Bishop Roger Gries OSB, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland Emeritus. All are invited to this Liturgy.

Confirmation 2020

- Modifications have been made this year to the Conferral of the Sacrament of confirmation from tenth to ninth grade.
- Make Up Packets will be sent home with ninth graders at the informational parent/teen meeting on September 4th. (Changed from August 27 because of North High's Open House).
- Upon completion and return on October 27 the ninth and tenth graders will have covered the same material.
- September 8 will be a day long retreat for all ninth graders to be caught up with their Charisms.

Pop and Praise.

- Our National Catholic Youth Conference annual indoor garage sale fundraiser was a great success. We cleared approximately \$8,3000.00. We have 4 teens (repeats) and 3 adults going on this pilgrimage.

Stewardship Commission

The Stewardship Commission has been off for the summer and will meet in September.

Deacon's Report:

Tim Shell

Tim will begin a Bible study tomorrow in the ATR. It is based on Formed.org program about Mary's role as the Handmaid of the Lord.

The next meeting is September 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary