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Tim Shell, Deacon	Joe Chabail
David Howell	*excused

**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday September 19, 2017**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 29: 1-16a.

Welcome to new member, Joe Chabail.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

1. **Orientation:** After discussion Council agreed to wait until we have a few more members to have an orientation session. Fr. Kevin reviewed that the purpose of Council. Council will move forward while new members are recruited. Members were requested to think about other parishioners who might be interested in serving on Council.
2. **Refurbishing the Church:** Smith Architect and Denk Engineering provided drawings for the addition/rest room renovations on Sept 6. The drawings were reviewed here by the committee on Sept 11 and comments, question, etc. were sent to the architect. The diocese Facilities Service office is also reviewing them. The committee is considering contractors to bid on the project.
3. **District Meeting with Bishop Perez:** On Tuesday Oct. 17 at St Mary in Chardon there will be a Mass at 7:00 PM followed by a reception for Bishop Perez that will last until about 9:30 PM. Bishop Perez has asked that each district in the diocese host a Mass and reception where he can meet and greet the priests and people of district. Our district includes Lake and Geauga counties. There are 20 parishes in the district. To avoid overcrowding the church (seats 900) and for a good representation from all parishes, each parish is asked to invite 45 people to attend the Mass and reception. Parish Pastoral

Council members are asked to attend and possibly carpool. Changing the date of the meeting was discussed and it was agreed that this would take the place of the October meeting.

4. Parish Concerns:

Our head of maintenance, Ray Yahner is retiring. Applications for this position are being accepted.

Deacon Tim will have a pet Blessing on Sunday October 1 at 1:00 PM in honor of the Feast of St. Francis.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

RCIA began September 7. We have 1 catechumen, 1 candidates and 1 person preparing for Confirmation. We have 6 team members helping the new candidates experience the beauty of the Catholic Church and the warmth of St. Justin Martyr Parish.

PSR

PSR got off to a good start on Monday, September 11. We have 68 children enrolled and the numbers will probably increase in the coming weeks.

Sacramental Preparation

Special preparation starts in November for First Reconciliation and Communion.

Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday was celebrated this weekend. It was established by the United States Bishops to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. Catechists were invited to come forward for a blessing and token of appreciation at all the Masses.

Called to Protect Program

It is a sad reality that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 8 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18. We as parents can help change this by learning the signs of abuse, acting on these signs and teaching our children how to protect themselves. That is the purpose of the Called to Protect Program. The diocese of Cleveland and its parishes implement various programs to protect children from sexual abuse. The Called to Protect program complements existing programs such as VIRTUS, extending its audience to parents, children and all adults.

A parent/adult education session will be held in the school's ATR Room on Monday, October 9 from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

Met Tuesday Sept. 12.

Usual reports and preparation for the celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Perez were discussed.

One new announcement – Tom Gulden is working with Tim Lake, the guitarist who has substituted several times in the last few months, to come more often to provide more variety in the music program.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

Will be meeting on Thursday Sept. 21.

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

Confirmation

- 11:30AM Mass on Sunday, September 24, 2017 with Bishop Nelson J. Perez will be Confirmation 2017.
- Confirmation 2018 started on September 10, 2017. We have 17 candidates

FRESH Faith 2017

- Fresh Faith 2018 starts on September 10, 2017. We have 3 registered in the class.

General

- **Stewardship Commission**
 1. Lifetouch Photography Book is in the layout stage is almost ready to be sent in.
 2. No meetings over the summer.

DEACON'S REPORT-Tim Shell

Church in the City: Attended Holy Redeemer's Clam Bake. Planning on attending Holy Redeemer Men's Tripe Party

Marriage Enrichment: October event was cancelled. The team in initial planning stages for a future event. No additional details to report.

Considering Fr. Kevin's trip to the Holy Land, the Rome 2019 trip is postponed.

Social Media. The Facebook page has 469 "likes," an increase of six from June. Others have been doing a great job of adding photos to the Facebook page. The Twitter account has 81 followers, and increase of four (4) from June. Instagram has 75 followers, an increase in eight (8) from June.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2017 to attend the District Meeting with Bishop Perez. The next regular meeting will be November 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary