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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday November 20, 2018**

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel of John 18-33b-37.

The minutes from the October 2018 meeting were approved.

The meeting was chaired by David Howell.

Decision and Discussion Items

- Talk about the Living as Missionary Disciples booklet.
Members looked through the booklet. Discussion will begin in January. The group discussed evangelization and how they are sharing their faith. Members were given an assignment to look at questions for reflection on page 31 before reading the book pgs. 31-34. Members are asked to look at themselves as members of Parish Pastoral Council and think what we can do to improve.
- Paul Herman reported on meeting Justice for Immigrants that took place on October 30th. We had 28 people in attendance.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

We continue to have one candidate for RCIA. His name is Tim Rosian. Please pray for him and that others may answer God's call to join the Catholic Church. Amen. The RCIA Team still does 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.

RCIA OTR

I have been visiting a handicapped woman who is interested in joining the Catholic Church. Her name is Mindy. She is in a group home with a Catholic woman, Taylor, who receives Holy Communion from parishioner Dan Cmarik. Both of us visit the young women every Tuesday.

PSR

The PSR school year is going well. Enrollment remains at 55. Last year's total was 74.

The children recently participated in a Thanksgiving food drive. The children were very generous in contributing canned goods and other food items for those in need during the holidays. The food is distributed through the parish's Helping Hands.

The school has been recently updated with WI-FI. This is to enable broader access to the internet for teachers, staff and guest presenters.

First grade PSR teacher Melinda O'Connor, who teaches computer technology and multimedia use professionally, will be working with teachers to assist them in using this in their lessons.

Sacramental Preparation

The first Sacramental Preparation meeting took place November 5. Parents and children gathered to hear about the plans for First Confession and Communion. The focus of the evening was learning about how their Christian life began at Baptism and how Confession and Holy Communion are connected with Baptism. There are 10 children preparing to make their First Holy Communion in May.

Parish Lenten Mission

The dates for the next Lenten Mission will be March 24-26, 2019 and the scheduled presenter is Rev. Gerard Gonda, O.S.B.. The theme will be *Keeping Your Faith Strong in a Secular Culture*. The Mission will be arranged around three categories (one for each night): 1) Work - what we can do. 2) Reading - what we need to receive. 3) Prayer - what we need to give to God. These three are aspects of a balanced life according to the Rule of Saint Benedict.

Leslie Simpson deserves all the credit in researching and planning this Mission as well as ones in previous years.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

November 13, 2018

Tom Gulden is teaching a new song, "Bread of Life." Violin and oboe will be here for Christmas Eve 10:00 PM Mass and Christmas Day at 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses.

Deacon Tim is training new servers, both adults and children.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

There were two meetings since we last met.

October 18, 2018

The line of credit which was used to pay the construction contractor was paid off before the end

of September.

The Diocese accepted our 2017-2018 Parish Finance Report. The report will be presented to the parish on a Sunday in the bulletin and will be mailed to all parishioners as a newsletter.

At the end of September Offertory Collections were about \$2,000 over the budget and expenses were about \$2,000 under budget resulting in a \$4,000 favorable budget.

November 15, 2018

The parish finance report was presented in the bulletin on November 4. The newsletter version was sent to the printer on November 14. We should get it back for mailing the week after Thanksgiving. At the end of October offertory collections were about \$4,000 over the budget and expenses were about \$1,000 under the budget resulting in a \$5,000 favorable budget.

Pastoral Associate/Minister Report

Beth Rossetti

Confirmation 2019

- Classes are going well
- Our Confirmation Retreat on January 12-13 has been changed to a 2-day retreat with a concluding Mass on Sunday at 5:00 PM instead of an overnight retreat due to the low number of candidates in the program. The retreat format will be changed next year because of the low numbers in the PSR classes.

Fresh Faith 2019

- Classes are going well.

Pop and Praise

- We will be having adoration and service night on November 18 for high School teens. Deacon Tim did an Exult for our teens. It was spirit filled and we made 10 blankets for Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital.
- The Diocesan youth Rally at John Carroll University Saturday December 15, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Day consists of keynote speaker, Joel Stepanek, workshops, praise and worship, Mass with Bishop Perez, adoration, dinner, reconciliation, and an opportunity to meet new friends. Cost for members of St. Justin will be \$10.000 instead of \$35.00.

General

- The Halloween Party was a success. We had approximately 150 attendees, the same as last year. Profit was 527.27. This is not intended to be a profit-making event.
- All Souls Mass was November 2 at 7:00 PM. This was a beautiful memorial Mass. The Funeral Ministry assisted with the Mas and the reception afterward. Approximately 170 people attended.
- Christmas Card Writing Party for Our Neighbors. Catholic Charities sponsors Living

Mercy in Our world: Christmas card writing campaign. St Justin Martyr will do our own version of this campaign on Wednesday December 12 in the ATR, 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. We are asking parishioners to join us for this event to send Christmas joy to those in surrounding nursing homes and those who are incarcerated. If you have a loved one that is in a nursing home or if a loved one is incarcerated please pass that loved one's address to Beth Rossetti so they can be included. If you can't join but would like to participate drop of boxed Christmas cards to Beth's office. The Catholic Charities evening is December 2 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Center for Pastoral Leadership Wickliffe. RSVP to Kelly at 440-943-7612.

Stewardship Commission

Stewardship Commission activities to be presented to Parish Pastoral Council by Theresa Safigan, Stewardship Chairperson.

- 121 Welcome letters have been sent to new residents moving into Eastlake, Timberlake, and Lakeline over the last six months. In checking the records, we did not entice anyone to join our parish. Since the cost of postage is going up, we have decided to discontinue the program.
- Habitat for Humanity used the beam we wrote our good wishes on in the Primrose House in Mentor-on-the Lake. It became part of a frame for a door and a window.
- Mini Ministry Fair was held on November 7 for our young adults. One young man showed up.
- Alzheimer's Association spoke October 21. About 15 people attended. Out of this group a Coffee and Caregivers group has been formed to meet monthly to talk about struggles found in care giving. This is not a support group. The first meeting 6 people attended.

Deacon's Report: None

Our Christmas gathering will be Thursday December 27th at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting is January 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary