



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*
Monica Vlasz	Paul Mathias*
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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday September 18, 2018**

Council welcomed a guest, Kelly Davis from the Lake-Geauga Catholic Commission. Kelly's part of the meeting came first because she had another commitment. She talked with Council about a presentation for the Parish on Immigration. The Immigration Committee has done over 200 presentations in the Diocese in the last few years, she has done more than 50 presentations. She provided handouts that addressed Catholic Social Teaching on Migration, causes of immigration and definitions, as well as how immigration benefits American Life. Kelly would be one individual on a panel that would come to our Parish to do a presentation if Parish Pastoral Council decides to host it. Sr. Mary Rita Hargrove, Kelly and a person who is a migrant would be on the panel. The meeting would last about an hour and a half with time for questions. They usually do the presentations in the evening.

Kelly mentioned that the Catholic Church is the largest organization that helps resettle refugees in the United States. The current Administration is reducing the number of refugees allowed to enter the United States significantly.

After Kelly left Anna Rhodes chaired the meeting.

Prayer and Faith Sharing: Apostles Creed and Reading from the Gospel Mark 9:30-37

The minutes from the August 21, 2018 meeting were approved.

Decision and Discussion Items:

Immigration Learning Session: Joe Chabail handed out copies of the sheet on the immigration process which he enlarged so it would be easier to see. Council discussed whether to have a learning session/presentation and why we want to do this. It was agreed that Parish Pastoral Council will host a presentation. Paul Herman, Carol Horgan, and Deacon Tim Shell volunteered to work on coordinating the session. Paul offered to call Sr. Rita Mary's Office.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

All the RCIA team members are returning for this year's process. So far, we have one potential candidate for next year's RCIA. His name is Tim Rosian. Please pray for him and that others may answer God's call to join the Catholic Church. Amen.

PSR

All the PSR teachers are returning for the 2018-19 school year. The first day of PSR was September 10. Classes are going well so far. We currently have 54 students enrolled. Last year's total was 74.

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*. He will base it on ideas found in these books: "Evangelical Catholicism" by George Weigel (2013), "Strangers in a Strange Land: Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World" by Archbishop Charles Chaput (2017), and "How I Stayed Catholic at Harvard: 40 Tips for Faithful College Students" by Aurora Griffin (26 years old) (2016). The ideas from the books will be arranged around three categories (one for each night of the mission): 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

The Commission met on September 11, 2018. They discussed recruiting for Music Ministry, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Looking for ideas to get more people involved in Mass. Tom is teaching a new song, I Know That My Redeemer Lives. The Contemporary Musicians are back from their summer break.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

The Finance Council meets this week, Thursday September 20.

Pastoral Associate/Minister Report

Beth Rossetti

Confirmation 2018

- Our Confirmation date is September 23, 2018 at 2:30 in the afternoon with the Most Reverend Martin Amos, Bishop Emeritus of Davenport, Iowa. We will Confirm 18

young adults. There will be a reception following the Liturgy bake goods and appetizers are needed. Please join us for this celebration.

Confirmation 2019

- We had 2 sessions including our Joyfully Gifted Retreat for Youth Ministry. We have 6 teens in this class. Rite of Enrollment was held on September 9 and prayer partners can be found on the bulletin board.

FRESH Faith

- We have 9 students.

General

- Halloween party date has been set. October 27, 6-8:00PM in Lambur Hall. This is open to the public.

Stewardship Commission

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

- Habitat for Humanity beam signing was this weekend. We're still collecting money and the beam is still in the hallway by the chapel. Over the weekend we collected \$864.00
- Date for a Mini Ministry Fair for the young adults of the parish will be on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 6:30-8:30. The fair will feature only those ministries that they can participate in. We will be doing this with the hopes of encouraging young adults to become more involved in the parish.

Deacons Report: Tim Shell

There will be a Pet Blessing and brief Worship Service on Thursday October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis. It will start at 6:30 PM in the yard in front of the Statue of the Sacred Heart.

The next meeting is October 16, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary