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Charles Hunt, Director of
Religious Education
Beth Rossetti, Pastoral
Minister*
Tim Shell, Deacon
David Howell

Leslie Simpson
Carlos Hidalgo
Benjamin Russo
Dave Rossetti*
Bernie Borowski
Diane Goss
*excused

**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday June 21, 2016**

PRAYER/FAITH SHARING: Apostles Creed and Luke 9:51-62

Minutes of the May meeting were approved via email.

Welcomed prospective Council Members Anna Rhodes and Carol Horgan who were observing the meeting.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:

- **New Parish Logo**
There is no new information on the logo and there has been no contact with graphic artists.
- **Input from Parish Ministries**
Bernie suggested that we consider ways of reaching out to people who do not come to church, perhaps a message in the raffle ticket envelopes to encourage people to come to church. Bernie has spoken to another parishioner, Monica Vlaz. Ron Mona from Homeward Bound should be included in this type of discussion. Perhaps this is something for Council to address next year.
Other discussion included having ministry leaders write procedures, and surveying parishioners.
- **Stewardship Committee**
Please see Pastoral Minister's report.
- **Future Lenten Missions:** Fr. Jack Connelly is conducting our 2017 Lenten Mission. Planning the Mission will be done by a planning committee which will be headed by Leslie Simpson.
- **Parish Concerns**
Fr. Kevin said that Fr. Alex has been transferred from St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, but that he thought that our Parish would continue to have a relationship with that Parish. He has not heard any more specifics about how we can do that, and our Parish does not yet have a Mission Circle. This can be addressed at a future meeting.
- **Year in Review**
Leslie Simpson led a discussion about what Parish Pastoral Council accomplished this year.

There were some successful activities this year which include the following:
Planned the Lenten Mission
Reestablished the Stewardship Commission
Facilitated the formation of a committee to work on refurbishing the church.
Revised the Parish Mission Statement and developed a Parish motto.

The Parish Pastoral Council Orientation was a good idea but was not as helpful as hoped. Ideas were suggested that might make the Orientation Session more successful. Parish Pastoral Council members were asked what they thought would be helpful. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

There are no candidates lined up for the fall, as of this date. Yet, the RCIA team and I are considering opening up the program to the whole parish.

PSR

All teachers except one are returning for the 2016-2017 school year. Christine Rowles is taking a break from teaching to be with her family and Joe Chabail will take her place.

On the Horizon

I have been discussing and working with parishioners on potential areas of catechesis, namely ALPHA, with Marge and Tom Drew, Life in the Eucharist with Shirley Pecjak and Theology of the Body with Monica Vlasz. Leslie Simpson and I are meeting to discuss how to approach parish missions, guest speakers and adult faith formation.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

There was a short meeting on June 7th to address “housekeeping.” Contemporary Musicians will be on vacation for the summer.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

There was a brief meeting on June 7th. Reviewed the budget and expenses. Everything is OK but offertory income is a little lower than estimated. There will be another Grateful Giving Program this Fall.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY AND PASTORAL MINISTER’S REPORT- Beth Rossetti, Pastoral Minister Confirmation 2016

We received our Confirmation Liturgy date Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 2:30 PM with Bishop Roger W. Gries, OSB

- Applications for 2017 will be mailed the end of June.

FRESH Faith 2016

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Pop and Praise

No Report

General

- Stewardship Commission
 1. Theme for the ministry fair took place on June 4-5, 2016 **Do Small Things With God's Gifts.**
 2. A Newsletter on Parish Stewardship was sent to all households of the parish.
 3. Lay witnesses talked at Masses on the weekend of May 14-15 and May 21-22, 2016. Were very successful. The witnesses talked about their involvement in the parish not a certain ministry.
 4. June 2016 Stewardship Results from the Ministry Fair, Commitment Sunday and Shirt Sales. The Fair was very successful.

Ministry Fair Results for 2016

81 new positions with 24 different ministries

50 new people signed up.

We had **42** ministries at the fair.

Commitment Sunday June 11-12, 2016

We had 285 envelopes used on Commitment Sunday

252 responses from parishioners

Saturday 5:00PM 49

Sunday 7:30AM 53

9:30AM 88

11:30AM 60

Total 250

Monday morning 2

Total 252

June 18-19 16

Total 268

Responding was from attending Mass weekly to being involved with a ministry.

Shirt Sell

T-Shirts Sold 39

Sweatshirt Sold 35

Polo Sold 21

Total 96

Another order will be placed August 1.

- On May 22, 2016 at the 11:30AM Mass, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Priesthood with Fr. Lou Pizhomt. A reception was held in Lambur Hall after this Mass. Parishioners who helped are Theresa Safigan, Joyce Cox, Kathy McCoy, Loretta Vanagas, Sue Yahner, Joanne Fox, Pat Homan, Pat McGarry, Bernie Green.
- Annual Garage Sale – Drop off - June 18-19, June 20-21 June 20-22 Pricing Garage Sale June 23 – 26. 9-4pm Early 8-9am on June 23 - \$2.00 and fill a bag on Sunday 1:30-2:30 for \$2.00. We're pricing tonight.

Deacon's Report:

Tim Shell

Church in the City. Participated in Tredicina and Parish Festival on June 12 with Holy Redeemer. Highlight of Tredicina was Mass on June 12, including procession through the streets and Feast of St. Anthony celebration.

Marriage Enrichment follow-up is needed from the program in March.

Ministry Fair and Stewardship commitment resulted in two new server volunteers that will need to be trained. Justin Panchula will be transitioning into the role as lead server with Deacon Tim as the "mentor."

Completed Lector Workshop with Bob Bobnar. Seven Lectors met over the course of two nights. This covered about half the lectors. Covered some topics that needed to be discussed.

Also review Lector Ministry from a theological, practical and spiritual basis.

The Facebook page has 409 "likes," and increase in five (5) from May. Facebook posts for the past month were target toward the Eagle Scout project and the Garage Sale.

The Twitter account has 54 followers, an increase in three (3) from May.

Instagram has 37 followers, and increase in five (5) from May. Like Facebook, posts were centered on the Eagle Scout Project and the Garage Sale.

Leslie Simpson recognized Bernie Borowski, Carlos Hidalgo and Diane Goss for their work on Council. Fr. Kevin thanked them for all they had done.

David Howell agreed to attend the planning session on August 7, prior to the next Parish Pastoral Meeting.

The next meeting is Tuesday August 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary