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Beth Rossetti, Pastoral
Minister*
Tim Shell, Deacon*
David Howell

Leslie Simpson
Carlos Hidalgo
Benjamin Russo
Dave Rossetti*
Bernie Borowski
Diane Goss
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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday April 19, 2016**

PRAYER/FAITH SHARING: Apostles Creed and Gospel of John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

Minutes: The minutes were approved by email, there were no additional changes.

DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:

• **New Parish Logo**

Leslie shared copies of the current logo that is in use now, the shield, and a proposed logo consisting of the art from the medal of St. Justin. The Stewardship Commission had asked Council to approve a new logo as they hope to have it on tee shirts before the Ministry Fair. After considerable discussion, Council decided to ask that a graphic artist work with the proposed logo to enhance it. In the meantime, the parish will continue to use the shield on stationery. This will be discussed again at the May meeting.

• **Mission Statement**

After having had some time to review the new mission statement, Council discussed changing it slightly. It has been amended as follows: *"We are the Catholic Parish of St. Justin Martyr, a Eucharistic Community. We give generously of our time, talents and resources for the life of the Church. We seek to deepen our spirituality to better embody our faith in Christ, to work diligently serving others and to strengthen the Community of St. Justin Martyr."*

• **Input from Parish Ministries**

In January Leslie Simpson contacted various ministries to have them answer three questions: 1. What would help you to minister better? 2. Do you need anything from other ministries? and 3. What would make us a better parish? She did not get a response from most ministries, so perhaps everything is going well for them. The responses she did receive were summarized in a handout which she distributed. One person, Theresa Safigan sent an email addressed to Parish Pastoral Council and that was also included. During the discussion it became apparent that some of the comments and suggestions were unclear or ambiguous. Leslie will contact those ministries and ask them to talk to Fr. Kevin. As Theresa's email was very thoughtful more time is needed for Parish Pastoral Council members to review and consider what she wrote. The discussion will be continued next month.

- **Refurbishing the Church**

Fr. Kevin said that he has requested permission from the Bishop to hire architects to give us plans for a handicap accessible restroom. The Parish is not bound by these plans. We have had one firm come out and look at the church for refurbishing. A few more design firms have been contacted and they are preparing presentations.

- **Stewardship Committee**

Please see Pastoral Minister's report.

- **Council concerns – Calling forth new members**

Thus far two parishioners have expressed interest. One of them is not able to attend on Tuesdays, but could on Thursdays. Members were asked to consider changing the date of the June meeting so this person could attend. One of the Council members has been working on getting this person involved for several months. Leslie Simpson cannot serve as Coordinator again, and Ben Russo said he was interested.

- **Parish Concerns**

There is nothing new to report other than that the parish will be providing a subscription to “America” for Fr. Alex’s parish. Fr. Kevin suggested that perhaps a group sort of like a “Mission Circle” could be formed. This topic will be on the May agenda.

UPDATES & REPORTING:

Religious Education: Charles Hunt

RCIA

Damon Coberly & Henry Wilson entered the Catholic Church on the solemn Easter Vigil, March 26th. It was a beautiful evening with many family and friends in attendance. Deacon Tim assisted Fr. Kevin which made the celebration all the more special. The RCIA team truly offers an indispensable witness to the newly initiated members; **Kathy McCoy, Sue Meinke, Janet McPeeks, Bill Moster and Bob Bobnar.**

PSR

This past Monday marked the completion of another blessed year of our Parish School of Religion. PSR is built upon faith-filled families and on dedicated parishioners who serve as catechists. The steadfast and joyful service of these catechists is a tremendous witness of God’s love to your children and to us. PSR catechists are:

Grade 1—**Melinda O’ Connor & David Slavick**

Grade 2—**Margie Drew & Margie Zalar**

Grade 3—**Christine Hunt & Dawn Rutkowski**

Grade 4—**Mary Trepal**

Grade 5—**Ann Lyall**

Grade 6—**Chrissy Rowles & Jean Kovach**

Grade 7—**Nancy Gansey**

Grade 8—**Carol Slavick**

A special thanks goes out to the Secretary of the Religious Education Office, **Maria Mujic**, whose work behind the scenes supports every facet of our catechetical programming.

The PSR students generously donated \$211.00 for the Mission drive.

Sacramental Preparation

Jesus Day is slated for Saturday the 30th. It is a special morning of prayer, bread baking and banner making to prepare for First Holy Communion which will be held on May 7.

Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin

Reviewed Holy Week and Easter celebrations – overall things seemed to go well. A number of small issues for improvement on each day were noted and will be looked at for next year. The second Easter 9:30 AM Mass in Lambur Hall had about 170 participants and the church was full, therefore this Mass will need to be continued.

The need for more Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist was noted. The next diocesan training session is May 17th at St. Gabriel. Deadline for nomination is May 10.

New server training sessions begins April 19th.

Deacon Tim Shell talked about his first year of ministry here and further developing his ministry.

Finance Council: Fr. Kevin

The last meeting was March 10 and was reported at the March 15th PPC meeting. Council will meet on April 21.

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

- April 17 from 6:00-8:30 is our next session we had a review of the year.
- May 1, 2016 will be our annual tour of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This is for families and sponsors. A notice will be in the bulletin asking if parishioners would like to join us for this event, we have a limited amount of spaces available.

Fresh Faith 2016

- April 17 session we toured the Center for Pastoral Leadership with both teens and adults; we attended Mass, had lunch and enjoyed our tour lead by Fr. Mark Latcovich and seminarians.
- Information was sent home with the PSR 8th graders, concerning the 2017 FRESH Faith school year. This will be sent home with the catholic day school children also.

Pop and Praise

- Living Stations of the Cross was prayed on Good Friday March 25 at 8:00PM. Thank you to Diane Goss and Kim Naderer for directing our teens. We also had children from the parish participate as town people.
- XLT at the Center for Pastoral Leadership on April 28 will be our next session.

- We've added a session on May 18 to make tie knot blankets in Lambur Hall from 6:00-8:00PM inviting the parish to join us. We are still collecting money for this project to buy fleece. We have collected \$350.00 so far.
- A new Face book page was set up for the high school teens **SJM Teens**
- We made 18 Blankets for Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital on April 6 with parishioners.

General

- Stewardship commission
 1. Theme for the ministry fair which will take place on June 4-5, 2016 **Do Small Things with God's Gifts**
 2. A Newsletter on Parish Stewardship will be going out in mid- May.
 3. Ministry boards for our various ministries have been worked on. There are 2 more workshops that will assist those who need help.
 4. In the bulletin this week we will be looking for 8 people to volunteer to do a lay witness talk before Masses on the weekend of May 14-15 and May 28-29, 2016. These talks will be 2-3 minutes long, talking about the ministries you are involved with.
 5. There will be an informational meeting of all the ministry leaders on May 19 to finalize the ministry fair. A light dinner will be served.
 6. Advertisement for the ministry fair is being completed by the commission.
 7. Theresa Safigan has been running articles in the bulletin about various ministries in the parish in order to introduce people to everything we have to offer before the ministry fair.
 8. Prizes, food and handouts are being planned for the ministry fair.
- Palm Weaving was held Wednesday, March 16 from 1:00-4:00PM and Thursday, March 17 from 7:00-9:00PM. We had a total of about 12 people join us.
- The Fellowship Meal was held on Holy Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 for fellowship and was served at 6:30PM. We had 144 people. This was the largest crowd in the past few years.
- On May 2, 2016 following the 7:00PM evening Mass, we will have a May Crowning. Anne Marie Supanick an 8th grader from St. Justin Martyr who attends All Saints School will crown the Blessed Mother. We have 7 children participating in the prayer service so far. Information was sent home through PSR and Catholic day schools asking all children in grades 2-10 to participate. Information is also in the bulletin.
- On May 22, 2016 at the 11:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Priesthood with Fr. Lou Pizmoht. We are planning a reception in Lambur Hall after this Mass for him. We will be looking for parishioners to help out with cooking and serving.
- St. Justin Martyr nominated Beverly Pecjak for Lake and Geauga County Catholic

Commission Bishop Pevec's Sower Award. This award is given to a person or organization that has given of their time for social justice in the area. Beverly won this award and it will be given to her on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership with a dinner and reception. Two other organizations also received the award. Bev is part of the Helping Hands ministry and organizes the food baskets and assistance to those in need. Bev calls the parish 3 times a day to retrieve help messages. She then sets up for food delivery through our volunteers or finds them the type of help needed.

- Graduation Blessing for all 8th graders, high school and college graduates will be given on May 15, 2016 during the 11:30 AM Mass.

Deacon's Report:

Deacon Shell was unable to attend the meeting.

The next meeting is Tuesday May 17, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary