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**ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday May 17, 2016**

Note: Dave Rossetti participated by phone.

**PRAYER/FAITH SHARING:** Apostles Creed and Romans:5-15.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved via email.

Welcomed prospective Council Member Anna Rhodes who was observing the meeting.

**DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS:**

- **New Parish Logo**

There is no input from graphic artists. Leslie will follow up with Dave Slavick, Diane will get in touch with her contact and Father Kevin will find the names of a couple he recently married who are graphic artists.

- **SJM Branding**

Motto: *“We follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service.”* Was approved at an earlier meeting. The motto will be used on bulletin covers, stationery, and the website. The motto is also on the t-shirts currently being sold by the Stewardship Commission.

The new Mission Statement has been approved and amended, *“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.* It will be used on the website and in future editions of the Parish Directory.

Both the motto and the mission statement will be in the brochure for Parish Pastoral Council which will be handed out at the Ministry Fair. Leslie Simpson will prepare an article for the May 29<sup>th</sup> bulletin announcing the motto and new Mission Statement.

- **Input from Parish Ministries**

An idea that came out of the discussion of the ministry’s input, including the thoughtful Memo from Theresa Safigan are possibly compiling procedures for the different ministry leaders. Beth Rossetti said that sacristans and servers already have a book. Deacon Tim Shell added that rote procedures may be restrictive when a new ministry leader takes over as he or she may want to make it their own.

A second idea is to send some kind of invitation, possibly a postcard to Catholics who live within the parish boundaries. Another idea is to put something in with the offertory envelopes.

- **Stewardship Committee**

*Please see Pastoral Minister's report.*

- **Future Lenten Missions:** Leslie met with Fr. Kevin a few weeks ago to ask if she could remain involved with the Lenten Missions after her term on Council is completed and lead this effort. The goal for our past Mission was to form a committee of parishioners to plan and execute this activity. This would take this responsibility out of Parish Pastoral Council. Father agreed. The actual name of this committee, roles beyond just Mission planning, pastoral staff involvement, etc. still need to be worked out but the committee needs to have members first. A notice will be displayed at the Parish Pastoral Council Ministry Fair booth to try to gain participants. Beth has the names of four people who expressed their interest at our last Mission in helping with a future Mission.
- **Council concerns – Calling forth new members**  
Bernie Borowski relayed our decision to keep meetings on Tuesday to the person who was interested if we could meet another night. He said she was disappointed but understood our reasons.  
A sign-up sheet for the ministry fair was passed around.
- **Parish Concerns**  
Proposal for St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish (India). Fr. Kevin suggested that our Parish Pastoral Council send a letter to their Pastoral Council to ask what we can help them with. He will put together a slide show and republish the letter from his India trip in the bulletin (before the Festival) to enlist parishioners in forming a “Mission Circle”. He mentioned that Fr. Alex may move, but our relationship would remain with the parish in India.

## **UPDATES & REPORTING:**

**Religious Education:** Charles Hunt

### **RCIA**

There are no candidates lined up for the fall, as of this date.

### **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.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

The parish's First Holy Communion was celebrated on May 7. 16 children received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first of many times. It was a wonderful celebration. Father Tom McCarthy, uncle of a 1<sup>st</sup> Communicant, concelebrated the Mass and ushers from the Holy Name Society made the Mass all the more special.

### **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.

### **Worship Commission: Fr. Kevin**

- Fr. Lou Pizmoht's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Mass is Sunday May 22 at 11:30 AM. Plan includes two requested songs and family members doing the readings.
- Contemporary Choir will break for the summer from June 26<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Servers: Three new servers have been trained. Also working on the purchase of new albs and cinctures. Patrick Hobart is going off to college and Justin Panchula has volunteered to take over Patrick's role.
- Ministers of Holy Communion: Three people will attend the diocesan training session and be trained here.

### **Finance Council: Fr. Kevin**

Reviewed the budget and expenses. The offertory income is a little lower than our budget estimates. Expenses are in line with estimates. Another Grateful Giving offertory program is advised for the Fall of 2016.

We are working with the diocese on replacing three old catch basins and redoing the worst areas of the parking lot.

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

- May 1, 2016 toured The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This is for families and sponsors.

### **Fresh Faith 2016**

No report

### **Pop and Praise**

- 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 approximately 20 people coming to this event. Dinner of pizza, salad, dessert and pop \$2.00 donation.
- Final POP and Praise for the year will be a picnic on the SJM grounds on May 23 6-8pm \$3.00 donation for food.

### **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 is at the printers.
  3. Lay witness talk at Masses on the weekend of May 14-15 and May 21-22, 2016.

These talks will be 2-3 minutes long, talking about the ministries they are involved with.

4. 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.
  5. Prizes, food and handouts are being planned for the ministry fair.
- On May 2, 2016 following the 7:00PM evening Mass, we had a May Crowning. Anne Marie Supanick an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from St. Justin Martyr who attends All Saints School will crown the Blessed Mother. We had 7 children participating: Zander and Alexa Adkins PSR, Brian and Charlie Kortovich, All Saints, Ally and Audrey Supanick All Saints.
  - On May 22, 2016 at the 11:30AM Mass, we will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood with Fr. Lou Pizhomt. We are planning a reception in Lambur Hall after this Mass for him. We have parishioners to help out with cooking and serving. Theresa Safigan, Joyce Cox, Kathy McCoy, Loretta Vanagas, Sue Yanhar, Joanne Fox, Pat Homan, Pat McGarry, Bernie Green.
  - 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 was awarded on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership with a dinner and reception of the award. 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 8<sup>th</sup> graders, high school and college graduates was given on May 15, 2016 during the 11:30AM Mass.
  - 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

### **Deacon's Report:**

#### **Tim Shell**

Church in the City: Participated in St. Joseph's Table on March 18 with Holy Redeemer. No activities in April. Coming up in June is the Tredicina, celebrated from June 1 to June 13. High point will be 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.

Completed server training with Patrick Hobart. Three new servers have been trained. Justin

Panchula will be transitioning into the role as lead server. With Deacon Tim as the “mentor.” Working with Bob Bobnar to plan a Lector Workshop for June. Details to be finalized soon and communicated to all the lectors.

The Facebook page has 404 "likes." This is up from the 382 likes in March. Facebook posts for the past month were less frequent, but were seen by more people. Content like the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner were popular.

The Twitter account stayed at 51 followers with a net gain of one followers since March. The average tweet has about 50 to 55 impressions.

Instagram grown from 25 to 32 followers. As an image driven media this was used to communicate photos from the mission and Lent in general.

**The next meeting is Tuesday June 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM.**

Submitted by: Therese Ryan, Recording Secretary  
from notes taken by Leslie Simpson