

CEMP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2018
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH – 6:30 PM

Attending: Bishop Doug Sparks, Pastor Kris Graunke, Canon Terri Bays
Candidates: Rev. Helen Durany, Rev. Arthur Jones, Rev. Leslie Scoopmire
St. Augustine: Ben Tyler, Allan Brown, Sadie Pollard
St. Barnabas: Corya Channing, Melvin Evans, Pauline Millard-Evans
St. Christopher: Dee Haniford, Becky Krumwied
St. Paul: Pam Hart, Denise Snowden, Ellen Candelaria
St. Stephen: Josie Mattix , Bob Mattix
St. Timothy: Harriet Rincon, Ken Goodwin, Tom Zaczkiewicz
Judy Gabrys – CEMP Treasurer
Others Present: Paul Kincaid, Pat Kincaid, Melissa Goodwin, Nadia Kemp,
Fr. David Hyndman, Marion Joseph, Don Campbell II, Cindy Croyle,
Greg Croyle, Sharon Tyler, and Chester Williams

Opening Prayer: Bishop Sparks began the meeting with a prayer. He then introduced the three candidates that are interested in serving CEMP: the Rev. Helen Durany – Colorado, the Rev. Arthur Jones (deacon) – Georgia, and the Rev. Leslie Scoopmire – Missouri. Bishop Sparks also went through the schedule of events from June 7th – June 10th.

Faith Community Check-In:

St. Timothy:

- Positive – Big fundraiser of Port-a-Pit Chicken at the Griffith City Park.
- Challenge – making this fundraiser work.

St. Paul:

- Positive – Our Cloister Rental Hall has hired a new caterer which is demonstrating a lot of responsibility in scheduling and in organization. Made \$300 selling memorable items.
- Challenges – need more people

St. Barnabas:

- Positive – We are scheduled to make some of our famous Jams.
- Challenges – Needing to move rocks in the parking lot.

St. Stephen:

- Positive - We had a Confirmation in our Church.
- Challenges – Need for better summer attendance and growth.

St. Augustine:

- Positive – Celebrating the Ordination of Deacon Charles Graves IV in Cincinnati, Fish Fry, joining CEMP, School Supply Giveaway Project, and Church Picnic on the last Sunday in August.

St. Christopher:

- Positive – We have some new members and new lay workers
- Challenges – small congregation that is aging.

Approval of the Minutes from the March 22nd Meeting:

A motion was made by Harriet Rincon and seconded by Josie Mattix to approve the Minutes as read. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Presented by Judy Gabrys – CEMP Treasurer

- Present CEMP checking account balance is \$48,786.84
- Expenses for the last three months were \$35,672.64
- Sabbatical Fund is \$1,075.
- CEMP Discretionary Fund is \$4,226.42
- Grant money available is \$3,020.05
- Food Pantry Fund is \$6,483.20
- Camp Scholarship Fund is \$819.62
- Nut Fundraiser Profit is \$1,946.08
- Total CEMP Assets as of May 31, 2018

A motion was by Ellen Candelaria and seconded by Josie Mattix to approve the Financial Report.

The motion carried.

Old Business:

- Coordinating Spiritual Care – Pastor Kris
No Report
- Port-a-Pit (Chicken) Fundraiser – Judy Gabrys
Judy indicated that St. Timothy's was taking on this fundraiser for the first time on Friday, June 8th at the Griffith City Park. Tickets were available for purchase.
- Sojourner Truth House Walk – Sherri Shamel
The Walk is on June 9th and walkers and/or donations are needed.

New Business:

- Pumpkin Patch – Pat Kincaid
On Saturday, October 13th will be this year's scheduled date for the event. It will take place in the parking lot of St. Paul's – Munster and will include the selling of mums, pumpkins, pies, nuts and jams. Other offerings will include pet blessings, pet adoptions, and rescue pets. Each Parish in CEMP is encouraged to operate a booth for this event. Other vendors are needed.
- CEMP Offering Envelopes – Judy Gabrys
Every Parish is encouraged to take advantage of the savings for a bulk order. Please contact Judy with the number of envelopes that each Parish needs for next year by the end of June. Please get rid of any old envelopes to avoid confusion.
- Forward Day by Day – Judy Gabrys
Every Parish is encouraged to take advantage of the savings for a bulk order. Please contact Judy with the number of Booklets (large print and regular size) that each Parish needs for next year by the end of June.

Next Steps: Priest-in-Charge Search – Bishop Sparks

Bishop Sparks summarized the steps that have been taken to get where we are today:

1. Canon Terri Bays met with each Parish to determine the needs and strengths of CEMP and she submitted a report on her findings.
2. St. Augustine expressed an interest in becoming a part of CEMP. Each CEMP Parish needed Vestry approval for this to take place. This process was completed in May with St. Augustine becoming the sixth church in CEMP.
3. With CEMP now being six churches, it was recommended that we look into hiring two priests with each priest being in charge of three parishes.

4. Each Parish was to submit two candidates (one being the Sr. Warden) to serve on a Search Committee. The Search Committee's first task would be to work on a profile of our needs as a document to work through in screening the possible candidates.

Bishop Sparks informed us that six prospective candidates were invited to take place in this initial search with all either just graduating from Seminary or having limited experience. Unfortunately, three of the six chosen have already received other offers that they have accepted. He then went through the scheduled events from June 7th through June 10th and asked each Parish to get to know our three candidates. We then got an opportunity to hear each candidate give a brief summary of them.

Our candidates were:

Rev. Leslie Scoopmire - Missouri

Rev. Arthur Jones – Georgia

Rev. Helen Durany – Colorado

Candidate resumes were made available and encouraged that each Parish makes copies for their congregations. A few follow-up questions were asked of our candidates who had an opportunity to respond. Several members of the Leadership Council shared their history and experiences with CEMP.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 9, 2018 at St. Stephen's Church in Hobart

Fifth Sunday Rotation: Sunday, July 29, 2018 at St. Stephen's Church in Hobart

Closing Prayer: Bishop Sparks led us in a prayer for our youth and this concluded our meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Bob Mattix

June 11, 2018