

CEMP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2019
ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH – 6:30 PM

Attending: Bishop Doug Sparks, Pastor Pamela Thiede
St. Augustine: Ben Tyler, Sadie Pollard, Paula DeBois
St. Barnabas: Sherri Shamel
St. Christopher: Mary Harrison, Bob Schrum
St. Paul: Pat & Paul Kincaid
Greg Croyle & Jessica Rieger – Co-CEMP Treasurers
St. Stephen: Bob & Josie Mattix, Fritz & Kay Ruchti
St. Timothy: Tom Zaczekiewicz, Rindalee Skimina, Alex Gorman, Ken Goodwin

Opening Prayer: Bishop Sparks began the meeting at 6:32 PM with a prayer.

Faith Community Check-In:

St. Paul:

- Positive – There were 75 in attendance at the Easter Vigil Service with a Baptism.
- Challenge – Numbers

St. Timothy:

- Positive – We had very good attendance for our 5th Sunday Service and our Easter Service. We had 25 volunteer workers at this month's Food Pantry Distribution.
- Challenge – Numbers.

St. Stephen:

- Positive – We were able to honor Gene Hollingsworth with a Quilt of Honor for his contributions during his military service following a Sunday Service.
- Challenge – Having only two ladies on our Altar Guild

St. Christopher:

- Positive – New parish members with children that is provoking thoughts of starting a Sunday School again.
- Challenge – Nothing mentioned

St. Barnabas:

- Positive – Survived Holy Week and optimistic of growth due to a grant we are writing.
- Challenge – People going on vacations and a need for help getting things done.

St. Augustine:

- Positive – We are having a Chili Cook-off on Saturday. We celebrated Fr. Hyndman's 80th birthday.
- Challenge – Nothing mentioned

Approval of the Minutes from February 28th Meeting:

The minutes were edited to reflect that the Fashion Show is a CEMP event not just St. Paul's and in the Financial Report the expenses and income represent one month not two.

A motion was made Sherri and seconded by Sadie to approve the Minutes as edited. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Presented by Jessica Rieger and Greg Croyle – Co-CEMP Treasurers

This report reflects activities for two months – February and March. Monthly Financial Reports are going to be sent out to the Leadership Council members on the 10th of each month. The figures below reflect balances through the end of March.

- Present CEMP checking account balance is \$104,530.14
- Expenses for the last month were \$8,406.46
- Income for the last month were \$10,575.00
- Sabbatical Fund is \$2,075.00.
- Discretionary Fund is \$3,829.42
- Grant money available is \$3,020.05
- Camp Scholarship Fund is \$0
- Food Pantry Fund is \$4,253.65
- Total CEMP Equity is \$100,447.68

Jessica talked about the need for a Debit Card on our Chase Account to help with the payment of bills. A motion was made by Sherri and seconded by Josie to get the Debit Card. The motion carried. Jessica inquired about the need to order new Giving Envelopes from One Rite. We have placed orders from this company for the past two years for CEMP Envelopes. She has requested that each of our six church’s check with their Vestry on the need for ordering envelopes for their parish. The email account that will be used by Jessica and Greg will be – “CEMPTreasurer@gmail.com”

Old Business:

- Fashion Show - Pat and Sherri reported on the CEMP Fashion Show which will be held on August 24th at the Cloister at St. Paul’s. Melissa Goodwin is working on a flyer for this event. Each CEMP parish is to supply two female models and two male servers for this event. Each parish is to supply a Raffle Basket to be auctioned off. The menu is set and a string quartet will be providing entertainment. There is room for 10 to 12 vendors for this event so everyone needs to help supply them. The cost of the ticket will be \$35 each.
- Lenten Study Review – Bishop Sparks asked for feedback on the Lenten Study format. The responses were all positive. The variety of different clergy being in charge each week was also appreciated. Many thought our numbers were slightly better this year with many new people getting involved.
- Holy Week Review – The overall thought was that all went well each day at each venue. There was a comment that the Easter Vigil Service was a little lengthy. It was also said that the Reading that Lilah Rieger made at the Easter Vigil Service was both moving and encouraging.

ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday Service @ St. Augustine	40+
Stations of the Cross Service @ St. Christopher	21
Good Friday Service @ St. Stephen	55
Easter Vigil Service @ St. Paul	75
Easter Day – St. Barnabas = 9, St. Christopher = 41, St. Stephen = 40, St. Paul = 32, St. Tim = 50, St. Augustine = 47	

New Business:

- Episcopal Musicians Handbook – Bishop Sparks updated us on the use of this handbook and indicated that it is sequenced with the 3 years cycling of the Readings. He encouraged each parish to check on their needs on whether they would need a copy of this year's edition.
- Sojourner Truth House Walk – Sherri Shamel reported on the various ways that we could get involved with this project as a walker and as a donator. We do have a Team CEMP walking in this event and participants are welcome. This event is scheduled for June 8th.
- St. Augustine's Annual Picnic on August 25th at Lake Etta – Each parish is to supply a representative to help coordinate the bringing of food items for this event. There is a \$5 charge per car to get into the park. Discussion on how the Sunday Service Schedule for that day will be handled.
- PFLAG Crown Point is hosting a Gay Pride Event on July 13th in Highland. Chris Williams from St. Christopher is asking for support from the CEMP parishes. Information on this event can be obtained on the website: <https://www.nwi-pride.com/>
- Official CEMP Stationary – Josie inquired about the possibility and need for producing CEMP Letterhead Stationary for our use in projects, business activities and official business. Mother Michelle made 2 example choices of potential stationary. It was circulated and corrected so that a choice could be made for production.

Next Steps:

Bishop Sparks began the discussion on the next steps we are taking in our clergy search. The Search Committee will possibly meet on May 8th to examine how we will go about looking at candidates that have expressed an interest in our two CEMP Clergy openings. Bishop Sparks indicated that the Search Committee could use Skype Teleconferencing, phone conversations, reference checks, etc. to obtain the best candidates for their recommendations.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 27th, 2019 – St. Barnabas at 6:30 PM

Fifth Sunday Rotation: Sunday, June 30th, 2019 – St. Barnabas

Closing Prayer: Pastor Pamela asked us to keep in our prayers, her brother Brian, who is experiencing a lot of health issues. Bishop Sparks led us in prayer with our meeting ending at 7:46 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Bob Mattix
April 26, 2019