

**CEMP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2019
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH – 6:30 PM**

Attending: Bishop Doug Sparks, Pastor Kris Graunke
St. Augustine: Ben Tyler, Sadie Pollard, Allen Brown
St. Barnabas: Sherri Shamel, Barb Meneakis
St. Christopher: Mary Harrison, Bob Schrum
St. Paul: Pat & Paul Kincaid, Pam Hart, Cindy Croyle
Greg Croyle & Jessica Rieger – Co-CEMP Treasurers
St. Stephen: Bob & Josie Mattix, Fritz & Kay Ruchti
St. Timothy: Tom Zaczekiewicz, Rindalee Skimina, Alex Gorman, Melissa & Ken Goodwin

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

Faith Community Check-In:

St. Paul:

- Positive – We had several adults attend the Youth Camp at Camp Mack.
- Challenge – Some of our camp workers had a car accident on their way back from camp.

St. Timothy:

- Positive – We finally have water to our Community Garden.
- Challenge – Too much rain leaving a swamp has prevented us from cutting our grass.

St. Stephen:

- Positive – We have 18 new members that are made up of turkey vultures that use our roof for a perching area.
- Challenge – We can't get these 18 birds to be pledging members as they white wash our roof.

St. Christopher:

- Positive – We had two students act as counselors at Camp Mack.
- Challenge – Problems with Building & Grounds due to the excessive rain.

St. Barnabas:

- Positive – Great parish involvement at Camp Mack. A new bench at Marquette Park was donated. New signs were created to advertise for our church.
- Challenge – People going on vacations and low summer attendance.

St. Augustine:

- Positive – All is going well.
- Challenge – Nothing mentioned

Approval of the Minutes from April 25th Meeting:

A motion was made Ken and seconded by Ben to approve the Minutes. Motion carried.

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

This report reflects activities for two months – April and May. 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 May.

- Present CEMP checking account balance is \$106,328.77
- Expenses for the last month were \$9,369.86
- Income for the last month were \$10,675.00
- Sabbatical Fund is \$2,275.00.
- Discretionary Fund is \$3,829.42
- Grant money available is \$3,020.05
- Camp Scholarship Fund is \$0
- Food Pantry Fund is \$5,074.65
- Total CEMP Equity is \$106,328.77

The email account that will be used by Jessica and Greg will be – EMPTreasurer@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 starting at 12 PM. Each CEMP parish is to supply two female models and two male servers for this event along with supplying Raffle Baskets 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. A Wish List was passed out to everyone for possible donations and supplies needed for this event. This list should be posted at all churches and shared with their congregations. Next meeting is Friday, July 12th at 12:00 PM at St. Paul’s.

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. On that Sunday, both St. Stephen’s and St. Christopher’s will have a 9:00 AM service. There will be only one 11:00 AM service preceding the picnic that all parishes are encouraged to attend at Lake Etta.

New Business:

Dearly Beloved Conversations – Bishop Doug discussed the following schedule of meetings to present and discuss gay and lesbian marriages in the Episcopal Church. These meetings will be 90 minutes in length and will be scheduled at four churches on four different days in the month of July all starting at 6:30 AM.

- Tuesday, July 9th @ St. Paul’s – 6:30 PM
- Monday, July 15th @ St. Tim’s – 6:30 PM
- Thursday, July 25th @ St. Christopher’s – 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, July 31st @ St. Barnabas – 6:30 PM

Next Steps:

Bishop Sparks began the discussion on the next steps we are taking in our clergy search. He indicated that the Search Committee has identified candidates, interviewed candidates and conducted an Off-Site Visitation. He then passed out a handout and discussed the process we needed know in financing possible candidates. There was then dialogue on this topic that exposed the difficulty we will have in financing two new clergy. Bishop Doug then recommended that we set up a meeting with him, Canon Terri, the six Senior Wardens of CEMP parishes and the Chair and Co-Chair of the Search Committee to discuss this topic.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 5th, 2019 – St. St. Stephen's at 6:30 PM

Fifth Sunday Rotation: Sunday, September 29th, 2019 – St. St. Stephen's at 10:00 AM

Closing Prayer: Bishop Sparks led us in prayer with our meeting ending at 8:36 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Bob Mattix
June 29, 2019