Scranton Area Ministerium **Minutes** 9 May 2018 IHM Center

Rev. Rebecca Barnes St. Luke Episcopal Bev deBarros Exodus Ministries

Rev. Lou Divis, St. Peter Episcopal Uta Dreher Interfaith activist

Rev. Jack Munley, Rescue and Restore Church Sr. Terry O’Rourke IHM Friends of the Poor

Rev. James Redington SJ U of Scranton Sr. John Michelle Southwick IHM Marywood U

Vera Walline Ba H’ai Community Phil Yevics Reentry Task Force

Kristen Shipsky, Constituent Services Coordinator, Alzheimer’s Association was an invited guest for this meeting.

Rev. Munley called the meeting to order at 9:12. Sr. Terry O’Rourke IHM offered the opening prayer and gave a welcome on behalf of the IHM Center. Rev. Munley invited each person to introduce themselves.

There were no minutes available from the April meeting, nor was the Financial Report available for review.

1. Presentation by Kristen Shipsky of the Alzheimer’s Association
2. Ms. Shipsky distributed packets with the following information [Copies are available for folks who were not present at the April meeting.] Electronic versions of these documents are distributed with these minutes:

Left Pocket Right pocket

ABAM letter Shine a light of faith outreach

10 ways to love your brain info-card 247 helpline

ten signs poster faith partners idea flier

e-services sheet

1. She noted the important role faith communities play in providing support for families dealing with dementia, and asked us to help spread awareness on the help that is available right now for those in need. See the attached WORD documents “Awareness day ideas” and “Sample church announcements” for more specifics.
2. She would be happy to follow up with any faith leader or community who wanted more information or assistance in planning an awareness activity or providing supportive services. She can be reached at the Alzheimer’s Association at 570.822.9915 x4021, [kshipsky@alz.org](mailto:kshipsky@alz.org)
3. Comments on Dr. Hussain’s Retirement Dinner
   1. The Ministerium was well represented with 10 members present, and Fr. Redington offering remarks on behalf of the group.
   2. Several members mentioned how impressive the turnout was and ow pleased they were that Dr. Hussain’s work with the Ministerium was prominently mentioned.
4. “Shall we gather by the river”
   1. a. Bev deBarros proposed an informal recreational gathering for early this Summer at “Sweeney Beach” along th4 Lackawanna River off of Poplar Street in Scranton.
   2. The group agreed it would be nice to get together. The evening of Tuesday June 19th was agreed upon, with June 26 being the Rain Date.

Fr. Jim Redington made a motion to adjourn, Vera Walline seconded, it passed unanimously at 10:34.