Scranton Area Ministerium Minutes 13 June 2018

Swartz Conference Center, Marywood University 9:00 – 10:30 AM

**Present:**

Bev deBarros, Exodus Ministries Rev. Darian Banks Bethel A.M.E. Church

Charlotte Ledbetter, Community Activist Darlene Leonard, Salvation Apostolic Temple

Sr. Theresa O’Rourke IHM, Friends of the Poor Fr. James Redington S.J. U of Scranton

Rabbi Daniel Swartz, Temple Hesed Sr. John Michelle Southwick IHM, Marywood U

Vera Walline , BaHai Community Phil Yevics – Reentry Task Force

Noting that both President Rev. Jack Munley and Vice President Rev. Rebecca Barnes were unable to attend because of other commitments, Phil Yevics called the meeting to order at 9:12 and asked all present to introduce themselves. Sr. John MIchelle then welcomed the group to Marywood and offered the Opening Prayer.

The Minutes from the May Meeting had been distributed by email the previous evening, and were displayed on the video screen for all to review. Rev. Banks made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Charlotte Ledbetter seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Fr. Redington distributed copies of the Treasurer’s Report, noting that he had met with Dr. Hussain to become familiar with the format. Vera Walline made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented, Rabbi Daniel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Transition to New Treasurer – Fr. Redington reported that he had met with Dr. Hussain once and had plans to do so again to add his signature to those issuing checks. He noted that Dr. Hussain is willing to remain as an additional signature that could be available in special circumstances.

Shannon Quinn-Sheeran gave a presentation of the Homeless Point in Time Count – discussion indicated the desire of SAM membership to remain actively involved in addressing these needs.

Inquiry from Moses Taylor Foundation – They are launching a Strategic Initiative on Senior Isolation and would like to involve faith communities in the consultation process.

June 19th at Sweeney’s Beech – Bev deBarros encouraged all to get together on the evening of June 19th for some time of rest and appreciation of nature.

Future Meetings - Second Wednesday of the Month, 9- 10:30 AM

 September 12

 October 10 Temple Hesed

 November 14 St. Peter Roman Catholic Cathedral

 December 12 Bethel A.M.E.

 January 9; February 13; March13; April 10; May 8, June 12

Future Activities – Informati0n about the following activities was distributed by email over the last month.

 June 15th Social Justice Sabbath – Temple Hesed

 June 18 and 19 – Healing and Deliverance Services, Rescue and Restore Church

 June 21st – Alzheimer Association “Longest Day”

 July 30 – Aug 3 - Vacation Bible School – Elm Park UMC

August 19 Second Chance Festival

August 25 Praise in the Park – Elm Park UMC

 November 16 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Temple Hesed