

Carbondale Interfaith Council March 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6pm Gaia House
913 S. Illinois Ave, Carbondale, IL 62901**

March's meeting was held at Church of the Good Shepherd March 20, 2018 from 6pm to 8pm.

Gary Shepherd shared reflections on the Christian traditions.

February's meeting minutes were approved unanimously as provided.

2. Patty Mullen provided a detailed history of the Good Samaritan Ministries. She also let us know of what was going on currently at the house. There is some rehab projects going on, since the house is turning 100 years old this year. The money for this rehab comes from a grant wrote in 2017 and being paid in 2018. Magnolia Hood has been named to the board of directors. Patty also let us know of some upcoming fundraisers; April 6, 2018 at Turley Park in Carbondale there was a 5K walk/ run in conjunction with the Co-Op. On June 30, 2018 there is a benefit show with The Kevin Lucas Orchestra at Alto Pass Winery, 2pm to 6pm. Patty also provided information about ongoing programs the Good Samaritan Ministries has and also let us know that the food pantry at the University Baptist Church is in need of egg cartons. There was also discussion about the different faith communities taking months throughout the year to donate food and other non-perishable items.

3. Letters conveying our concerns about proposed budget cuts to Social Services were hand delivered to Mayor Henry, City Manager, Gary Williams, and all members of the city council. During the city councils April meeting they will be discussing the budget.

4. Scott Martin talked with Carbondale City Manager, Gary Williams for about 30 minutes about the challenges of the warming centers during the winter. It was suggested during discussion that there be meetings with the city, police department, health department, SIH, SIU, the library about what to do and where the homeless can go on extremely cold/ hot days. There was also discussion about The Sparrow Coalition being involved with these discussions as well.

5. On April 15, 2018 "Welcoming the Stranger" a Ralph Anderson Interfaith Dialogue program at the Newman Center at 2pm. This is hosted by CIC and SIIRP. In June there will be another event during Pride Week and Taste of Faith will be held on October 23rd as part of a RAID program too.

7. We are waiting for login information to access the website, and Becca Marten will also get with Maurine to add extra admins to the Facebook page.

9. The Sparrow Coalition meets every 2nd Thursday at noon at First Christian Church in Carbondale. They are continuing work on the resource guide for 2018 and expanding little by little. They take the donations given to them to whoever needs them and continue to make the

hygiene bags to provide to anyone who may need one. They are also in contact with the SIU Architecture department about resuming the Tiny House project. Marleen Shepherd has also been awarded with WSIL - TV3's Unsung Hero award.

10. CAIRS works with the St. Louis International Agency. Carbondale is unable to provide resettlement services, but can help in other ways (donations, etc.) There is a family now in Carbondale that originally resettled in San Diego, but has since moved here. They are currently looking into printing brochures about Carbondale, however the cost is between \$600 and \$700 to print and mail.

- There was a motion made for the CIC to partner with CAIRS to allow them to use our PO box to receive donations and to also have a line item in our bank account.
- Seconded and passed unanimously

11. Church of the Good Shepherd is now using solar energy and First Christian Church is going solar soon as well. Karen Knodt provided information about how interfaith organizations can take advantage of using solar energy and rebates.

12. On April 3rd, 7pm at the Carbondale Civic Center there will be a Fair Tax event. Illinois is one of the only states that has a flat tax and there are over 300 organizations working together to get a graduated tax for Illinois.

13. Dues reminder letters are going out currently and covers January to December of the calendar year. Last year's letters did go out late. The bank accounts have been updated with the proper names. There was discussion about membership and asking other faith organizations to join CIC. It was also discussed about creating a membership committee.

14. Our next meeting will be April 24, 2018 at 6pm at Gaia House.

15. Announcements

- The Youth Art Exhibit has been put on hold at this time.
- Kara Dunkel has asked if anyone wants to make donations for the Pinhook resettlement project to bring them to our next meeting. Cleaning products and paper products are most needed but will happily take anything.
- March 28th at 7pm at the Carbondale Civic Center there will be a speaker for the Margie Parker Teach-In for Peace.
- Diabetes Alert Day is Tuesday, March 27th at The HUB Recreation Center 7:30 - 11am
- Southern Illinois Wellness Expo is Saturday, March 24 7am - 2pm at John A. Logan
- Transforming Loss is Tuesday, May 1st 1pm - 3:30pm at John A. Logan Conference Center, Room F-119
- There are 3 representatives from CIC going to The Parliament of World Religions this November in Toronto, Canada. Rev. Paul Waterman, SaraFaye Marten and Father Bob Flannery

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

