

# Cthrn24\*MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: June 8, 2020**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg ( x) Diane ( ) Other ( ) Time: 5:00 pm

**If you have a special case, do you have your form filled w/ friends name /amount needed for SSC?**

**Spiritual Reading:** Fr. Greg ( ) Margaret ( x) Other ( )

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** ( x ) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes ( )

ALL ABOUT: INTRODUCE OUR NEW CANDIDATE to become a Vincentian Maria **Garcia Ford**. Would you like to say hello?

**Attendance: Total Active Members (35); LOA (2) Present (21 ) Absent (12 ) Quorum (18)**

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		TRAINING				INACTIVE		
Al	x	Gloria	A	Michaela	A	Maria GarciaFORD					Rosemarie (inactive)	A
Ann F.	A	Hilary	x	Mike F.	x						Katiri (inactive)	A
Ann L.	x	Janet	x	Norm	x						Fran A (inactive)	A
Barbara	LOA	Jerry	x	Pauline	x						Wilma (inactive)	A
Bryant	LOA	JoAnn	A	Sandra	x						Aurora (inactive)	A
Dennis	x	Kathy	x	Scotty	A							
Diane	A	Margaret	x	Toni	A						LeAnn (inactive)	A
Dotti	x	Marge	x								Zina (inactive)	A
Estela	A	Martha G.	x	Yolanda	A						Martha O.	A
Frank	A	Mary Ellen	x	Father Greg *	x							
Francisca	A	Mary	x	Stan *	A							
George	x	Michael C	x									
Gini	x											
Glenn	A											

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

## **Unfinished Business:**

- 1- How is the new meet and greet procedure going at the conference?
  - New procedures seem to be working well will continue to modify if it becomes necessary.
- 2- Reminder that apartment managers have been notified.

## **New Business:**

Father Greg, pep talk and SVDP Mass on Tuesday

- SVDP Mass will be online only.
- Several challenges ahead on how we can support our friends.
- Friends may not have used stimulus money to pay or keep up on their bills. Their bills are coming due and they will need SVDP support. Be creative in how we can help them get through this very rough time.
- Many friends may need to just talk because they have been experiencing isolation.

Take the time to LISTIEN, LISTEN, LISTEN and talk with our friends.

- Mental health professionals are calling the mental health crisis the second wave of the pandemic. There has been a sharp increase in depression and prescriptions for mental health issues. Be sure we know what mental health support is available for our friends.
- Call our friends especially the elderly who have been very isolated during this time of social distancing.
- If we follow the Vincentian spirit, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked, we will create a healthier, happier community.

Pauline: about the President position

- After much prayer and consideration Pauline has decided she is declining the position of SVDP president. She feels her true calling is to support SVDP by continuing with the toiletries and working with our friends at the conference.
- Diane is resigning as of 1 October 2020 so SVDP will need a new president.

Al Melito to talk about SVDP website.

- A big thank you to Al for keeping track of the conference work schedule over the last few months.
- A great big thank you to Al for the two new SVDP websites.
- Private case worker website <https://stvincentdepaulsvaz.org> has all the information needed for assisting our friends and the most current procedures.
- The public website [www.svdpsac.org](http://www.svdpsac.org) provides information to the public on what support SVDP provides the community.
- If you have any ideas or suggestions for either website please provide input to Al.
- Al will work with Kate at St Andrews church to incorporate a link for the SVDP public website with the St Andrews website.

LIHEAP?

- Inquiry application can be submitted and they inevitably provide a referral for financial assistance for the applicant.

Are there any positive changes that could be made for the way we are meeting and greeting friends?

- New procedures seem to be working well. We will continue to modify as it becomes necessary.

Has everyone familiarized themselves with the Housing.gov site

Children and meeting in office?

- A friend at SVDP needed assistance that required a special case be prepared and submitted to the SC committee. She had several small children with her. Luckily she also had a teenager with her who could watch the children. Based on this case and the necessity to be able to focus and get all the needed information from the friend for their SC request a motion was made by Pauline.
- Pauline made a motion to have friends, who need a special case written up and have children present, to come back at a later time with a scheduled appointment without the children. Ann L seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Any questions about Special Cases and the Committee?

- SC committee is still fine tuning the procedures for reviewing and voting special cases.
- \$750 max on rent special cases. Some apartment complexes may work with friends on payment plans.

We know that Salvation Army has received money from the grant from Liberty Utilities. We do not know how much and how much they are allocating to help with rent.

- ▬ SVDP society received some of the Liberty Utility \$500,000 grant but our local SVDP conference did not receive any of the grant money.
- ▬ Pauline is going to inquire again as to why Sierra Vista SVDP conference did not receive any of the grant money.
- ▬ Our SVDP conference will be getting United Way grant money.
- ▬ SVDP received \$300 from the Rotary Club. The \$300 will be used for feminine products and toiletry products for our friends.

Poor box report: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Report:

- **\*\*\*Finance committee meeting has been changed to Wednesday 17 June 9:30 a.m. Madonna Hall. Pauline will take the minutes at the Finance committee.**
- Gini will be on vacation 20 June to sometime in August.

Thrift Store Report:

- May daily average \$1,400. Month of May \$38,000.

#### **1. Home Visits:**

- ▬ Pauline and Maria delivered a food box.
- ▬ Kathy and Mike F: A lady that was homeless used her stimulus check to get an apartment, phone etc. She needed a food box and a voucher for furniture.

### **Dotti/ JUNE 10 Birthday and Frank Ferraco/ June 18**

**2. Special cases: Amount available \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

3. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases

4. Vincentian Schedule: emailed separately

5. Prayer requests: emailed separately

6. For the good of the order:

- SVDP MASS is tomorrow.
- Be proactive in calling our prayer angels. Check to see how they are doing and thank them for their prayers in support of our conference work and for our friends.
- Thank you to Zena. She started a SVDP fund raiser on Facebook. It generated a little over \$69.00

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Greg (x) Diane ( ) Other ( )

Adjourned: 6:10 pm

Recorder: (Secretary) Mary(x) Other \_\_\_\_\_ - ( )