

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: June 29, 2020**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg ( ) Diane ( ) Other ( X ) 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 in favor signify with I, oppose, same sign, any abstention \_\_\_\_\_? Ann L made a motion to approve the minutes. Margie seconded. Minutes approved.

ALL ABOUT: Maria Garcia Ford is still in training. She has Thrift Store training on Thursday 2 July 20?

**Attendance: Total Active Members (35); LOA (2) Present ( 23 ) Absent ( 10) Quorum (18)**

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		TRAINING		INACTIVE	
Al	x	Gloria	x	Michaela	A	Maria GarciaFORD	A	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	L O A	Jerry	x	Pauline	x			Wilma (inactive)	A
Bryant	L O A	JoAnn	A	Sandra	A			Aurora (inactive)	A
Dennis	x	Kathy	x	Scotty	x				
Diane	A	Margaret	x	Toni	A			LeAnn (inactive)	A
Dotti	x	Margie	x					Zina (inactive)	A
Estela	A	Martha G.	x	Yolanda	x			Martha O.	A
		Mary Ellen	x	Father Greg *	A				
Francisca	x	Mary	x	Stan *	A				
George	x	Michael C	x						
Gini	x								
Glenn	A								

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

**NO MEETING next Monday, JULY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020/We are closed the 3<sup>rd</sup> - this Friday in observance of Independence Day.**

- Due to COVID-19 we will revert back to Zoom meetings.

## **PLEASE KEEP UP WITH THE SCHEDULE**

- Schedule is emailed and posted to St. Vincent De Paul private website.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**KEEP YOUR MASK ON AT THE CONFERENCE and frequently wash your hands.**

- At this time, CochiseCounty has run out of money for COVID-19 testing.
- There will be upcoming testing in CochiseCounty. You can pre-register. The Covid Info and testing dates have been emailed separately. July 7 is the day to pre-register. See the email for location, date and the online registration site.

## NEW BUSINESS.

1 We are thankful for Ann Lee .a Vincentian from the OLM conference. She has been so helpful and understands by now how we are doing things at the front. It has been a blessing.

- She is able to cover the table at the door so St Andrews Vincentians can cover the friends that require special cases.

## 2. GOOD NEIGHBOR ALLIANCE UPDATE

A message from Brad Roland. Good Neighbor Alliance received an emergency bridge loan from the Arizona Health Department. That means that they will be able to stay open for at least three months while they searched for other fun! Wonderful news. Spread the news.

- GNA received \$2000 from United Way for hotel nights for the homeless. If homeless friends need hotel rooms refer them to GNA.

3. We have received funds from via HUD and the city. Anthony said GNA will also receive some funds for hotel vouchers for our homeless when they are filled. The funds are strictly for RENT and UTILITIES.

ANN ...anything else on that?

Anthony has been in strong communication and very helpful. Those funds will be used and a HUD form must be completed with each special case. It is simpler than it appears.

Let US REVIEW THAT FORM.

So please familiarize yourself with the form so you are prepared to having it completed before the friend leaves the office. Attach it to the SC Form so our paperwork is not misplaced. Blanca knows what to do from there.

- SVDP received \$25000 from United Way for special cases that are for rent or utilities to be used over the next four month period.
- 60/40 Split on funds with OLM SVDP.
- The monies first come out of SVDP budget and United Way reimburses SVDP.
- United Way will not reverse decisions or lessen the dollar amounts the SVDP Special Case committee approves for our friends.
- If St Andrews SVDP runs out of United Way funds OLM may share their 40% of United Way funds.
- Applications for the state monies being offered at <https://housing.az.gov/> for eviction prevention are processed through SEACAP for CochiseCounty residents.
- Friends can apply and check status of their application on line at <https://housing.az.gov>.
- Proof of citizenship is required during the application process.
- The landlords have been willing to work with the friends who are behind on rent.
- Eviction notices can begin being issued sometime in July 2020.
- Pauline will check with Salvation Army about their rental assistance program.
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4. Until further notice we are resuming zoom. Although it is very convenient for the sake of fellowship we will not have meetings at Madonna Hall. Diane returns and the next meeting is 13 July. When we are having very important info to get to the group or changes in procedures we will meet weekly. But I have suggested to Diane alternating weeks.

5. When an email goes out please feel free to reply but DO NOT REPLY ALL

6. We do have ONE special case committee. Ann Lund, Yolie Chavez, Glen Mc Daniel, Jerry Till, and me. Jerry and I are alternates. They handle ALL special cases and choose the fund to use when providing the financial support. THANK YOU ALL for responding and please if you are the caseworker, check you emails frequently in case someone has questions about the circumstances.

7. Prayer Requests will be requested and received via email for those weeks when there is not a mtg.

8. I will be not be leaving to see my family in NY

9. On the first Saturday of the month, let us join together in praying to our Blessed Mother for the next 6 Saturdays. At least one decade of the Rosary.

### BUSINESS REPORTS

Poor box report: Hilary

- June \$405.11

#### 1. FINANCE REPORT:

- End of May we are still within budget. Donations in June were good

#### 2. THRIFT STORE REPORT:

- June almost \$33,000. Average \$1300 per day
- Need to hire another employee for the intake/donations area.
- Next committee meeting 14 July, 2:30pm Margie's house

#### 3. FOOD BANK REPORT

- Farmers Market program: Received \$5000 up front from a donor and will get another \$5000 when the first \$5000 is spent. It must be spent at the farmers market. Stan buys USDA certified meat at the market.
- The food bank gets produce from the National Guard every week.
- CARES program: This is a federal grant program to food banks. Our food bank is getting \$5000.
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program: Our food bank received \$12,000 from this program (originally FEMA). We receive money from the every year. We get 20% of the allocated funds. Other food banks receive less.
- The Diocesan council sent out Safeway cards totaling \$800 each. They can only be used at Safeway.
- Stan bought 10 lb cans of food at Fry's. The weren't selling so he was able to get them at cost.
- Stan reported the Salvation Army had 800 food boxes one day in June and only 400 families showed up. The boxes contained produce, small packs of cheese and sour cream.

10. Special cases: **N/A at this time** Amount available \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 11.HOME VISITS:

- Dennis and Ann L: Visited Roger. Needed utility assistance. SVDP assisted with SSVEC and Water. They gave Roger the SW Gas grant application. He has not returned the completed

application. Dennis spoke with the City of SV. They are willing to work with Roger on his past due sewer and garbage bills. Roger needs to pay half what is owed and the city will restore his services. Roger has not contacted the city to take care of that issue. Kate at St Andrews allocated \$350 for Roger's case. Since Roger was not pro-active on the SW Gas application and in talking with the city that money was reallocated, with Kate's approval, to assist a homeless family.

- Norm and Gini: Assisted Rachael. She needed rental assistance. Turns out her mother is her landlord and stated that Rachael does not need financial assistance from SVDP because the mother helps her with her financial needs.

#### 12. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Dottie: Spoke with Keesha on the phone. Keesha was requesting assistance with a room at Blue Horizon Hotel for her and her boyfriend. Keesha's church had paid for two nights for them. Keesha's mother takes care of Keesha's children. Keesha continued to change her story as to why she was in need of assistance. She talked of having been in the hospital and stated that is why she needed the nights in the Blue Horizon. Because she continued to change her story so many times and continued to hang up on Blanca and Dottie, Dottie requested she bring in her medical records from her hospital stay. She again, hung up on Dottie.

#### 13. Vincentian Schedule: is online and emailed separately

#### 14. Prayer requests: emailed separately

#### 15. For the good of the order:

- The Rosary for peace in the world is in accordance with Fatima request and is the first Saturday of the month for the next six months. .

I would like to suggest a book called SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP. It is meant for all of us and the guidance it provides is superb. By Oswald Sanders

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

Adjourned: 6:40 pm

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