

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 07/20/2020

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

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (x)Read/Approved; Approved with Changes () Ann L made a motion to accept the minutes. Marge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Attendance: Total Active Members (31); LOA (2) Present (23) Absent (8) Quorum (16)

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>TRAINING</u>	
Al	x	Gloria	A	Michaela	A	Maria	x
Ann F.	x	Hilary	x	Mike F.	x		
Ann L.	x	Janet	x	Norm	x		
Barbara	LOA	Jerry	x	Pauline	x		
Bryant	LOA	JoAnn	A	Sandra	A		
Dennis	A	Kathy	x	Scotty	x		
Diane	x	Margaret	x	Toni	x		
Dotti	A	Marge	x	Yolanda	x		
Estela	A	Martha G.	x				
Francisca	x	Mary Ellen	x	Father Greg *	A		
George	x	Mary	x	Stan *	A		
Gini	A	Michael C	x				
Glenn	x						

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Unfinished Business:

- 1.** We must wear masks at the conference, whether we agree or disagree with it, whether it is comfortable or not!!! We have no choice. We have had some complaints. Please remind each other if someone forgets to wear the mask.
 - If you can't wear a mask at least try to wear one of the plastic shields. If you can't wear the mask or a plastic shield, you will not be allowed to work at the conference.
 - Stan gave the conference 50 mask Wednesday and by Friday they were gone. Since then the conference has bought 150 and Stan received more from Sarah Pacheco. Stan will be keeper of the mask. By now all Vincentians should have a mask. The masks that Stan receives and the conference purchases are for use by our friends. If a friend needs a mask ask Stan.

2. Salvation Army update

- They are serving to go lunches.
- Salvation Army workers, who had contact with the vendor diagnosed with COVID-19, have been tested. No further update.

3. We are going to restart our 'Tell us about yourself, Vincentian'

- Next week Mike F will tell us about himself.

New Business:

1. Maury Bois, SVDP Tucson Diocese president: options for next president

- If no one else feels called to take the position, Martha has stepped up to be the next president. Based on Martha stepping up, Maury had two points he wanted to make.
 1. St Andrews SVDP is a very well functioning conference. That being said, it is very important for all conference members to step up and support the president by taking on any extra task that arise outside of working at the conference. Running a conference is much more than a one person job.
 2. Maury said if there is anything our conference needs from him, do not hesitate to get in touch with him and let him know our conferences needs. He is always willing to support in any way he can.
- a. Someone steps up and volunteers to be President
 - Diane is President until September 30th 2020.
 - If no one can find it in their hearts to be president of our wonderful conference, Martha is willing to be considered for the president position.
 - All conference members, please continue to prayerfully consider accepting the position.
- b. Our conference combines with another conference
- c. Our conference deactivates and dissolves

2. COVID RENTAL ZOOM MEETING

- Over 1/2 of the rental market is privately owned
- 8.9% Unemployment in the state there is a prediction of 30%
- 8900 UNITS in AZ and 95% are paying.
- 1 % non paying which is an enormous amount of money
- 2.8% on some sort of payment plan
- .9% go dark as they refer as Ghosting/ Phantom occupancy
- The occupants know \$\$ is due but they do seek any help.
- there are some balances as high as 10K due
- A suggested option was for tenant to move to a smaller unit for less rent and the fees to change are waived
- Rent cost control and affordability was addressed but no solution addressed
- There is \$5 million+ available for help to tenants from the state.
- Only 1.2 million of the funds dispersed from state as of today.
- There are \$9.3 million in applications the assistance is there is just is NOT getting

dispersed

- A bottle neck on the applications received so money is not being dispersed.
- No tenant association was represented at the Zoom meeting
- The governor extended the evictions out until October 31st.
- On hold evictions are based on tenant showing the landlord you sought assistance instead of just not paying.

3. Upcoming events

a. Birthdays:

i. Glenn—July 31st

ii. Hilary—August 7th

iii. Ann Lund—August 9th

iv. JoAnn—August 26th

4. Special Case committee report

- SVDP received donations of \$10,000 from the Legacy Foundation, \$10,000 from the Wick Foundation and \$30,000 from the United Way.
- As of 15 July 2020 there was \$2342.01 remaining in the Legacy Foundation grant, \$10,000 left in the Wick Foundation grant and \$24,339.42 in the United Way grant.
- As of July 15th the Special Case Committee has approved rental assistance to 19 friends and 10 utility assistance to 10 friends.
- Bus transportation for two families.
- The purchase of a portable swamp cooler for a gentleman who is bedridden and can't afford to turn on his own cooler.
- One mortgage payment and lot rent for a mobile home.
- The Special Case committee still has plenty of funds available for assistance to our friends.
- Many of our friends are not aware of the financial assistance available through SVDP. If they are only requesting a food box, be sure and ask them if they need any other types of assistance.
- Be sure you are using the latest version of the Special Case form
- When submitting a special case be specific and generous with all the details about the case. In this way, the committee members have all the necessary information to make an informed vote.
- Be sure to include how the friend is planning to cover next month's bills.
- Can a friend get help more than once from the special case fund? This question will be discussed at the next board meeting.

5. Finance committee report

- Sales in June were \$37,000, right on budget.
- Donations in June were \$10,500, \$2,000 better than budget.
- Aid to Friends was just a little over budget, not of any concern because of the money we have to use from grants.
- Payroll was \$24,000, well below budget.

- Operating expenses were right on budget.
- Profit for the month was \$6700, versus a budget of \$113.
- Plenty of money in the bank.

6. Thrift Store committee Report

- June sales \$35,509 with a daily average of \$1365.00
- New purchasing protocols have been put in place for employees and volunteers at the thrift store. Marge will email the protocols to all Vincentians once they are finalized.
- A weekly walk through evaluation of the store is being done by the thrift store committee members. This provides statistics on how the store is doing.
- The store has a new employee James. He is working in the donations area.
- Marge will be out of town until August 4th.
- Next meeting is August 11th at 2:30 p.m. at Marge's house.

7. Food Bank committee report

- Farmer's Market Program: Received \$5,000 from a donor. Stan buys frozen meet at the farmer's market. Once the first \$5,000 is spent the food bank will receive an additional \$5,000.
- Food bank still gets produce from the National Guard every Tuesday.
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program: The food bank receives \$12,000 from this program. Stan has not asked for the second portion of the money yet as the food bank has plenty of food and has \$70,000 in the food bank account.
- Stan made a motion, seconded by Stella to put Simon Callendar on the SVDP payroll. Committee voted unanimously to pass the motion.
- Stan has been talking with Joe at Fry's about food for Thanksgiving. Joe thinks stuffing and Turkeys will be in short supply and does not expect sale prices this year. The committee agreed Stan should go ahead and start purchasing food items now for the Thanksgiving Turkey boxes. There is plenty of storage at the conference.
- Next meeting August 20th at 10:00 a.m.

8. Poor box report: \$300.00

9. Keeping in touch with Vincentians who are not attending zoom meetings

- a. Ann Lund had a great suggestion
- b. When doing prayer request, if someone is absent I will ask for a volunteer to call them

10. Home Visits: None to report

11. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Mary Ellen: Theresa was being placed in a facility in Glendale but due to unforeseen circumstance she did not go to the facility. She is back at Canyon Vista Medical

Center.

- Norm: A friend came in needing a couple of nights in a hotel until they could move in to a rental. Friend refused to go to Bella Vista or Blue Horizon because of medical condition of daughter and personal familiarity with what goes on at those two locations with drugs. Norm called GNA but did not get an answer. He called a couple of other hotels in town but they won't accept checks and also require a security deposit. Friend became frustrated and left without accepting a room at Bella Vista or Blue Horizon.

12. Vincentian Schedule: emailed separately

13. Prayer requests: emailed separately

14. For the good of the order:

- Phoenix diocese is still having public masses. Hopefully our diocese will open soon.
- Father Marco is celebrating mass at Our Lady of the Sierra each Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month are in Spanish. The 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month are in English.
- Our Lady of the Mountains has drive through Communion every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and again 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Adjourned: 6:50 pm

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