

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 07/27/2020**

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

If you have a special case, do you have you form filled out and is the Friend's name/amount needed on the board??!

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

**Who are you??!** Mike Feeney Next week will be Gloria.

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

**Attendance: Total Active Members (31); LOA (2) Present (19) Absent (12) Quorum (16)**

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>TRAINING</u>	
Al	x	Gloria	x	Michaela	A	Maria	A
Ann F.	A	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	A		
Diane	x	Margaret	x	Toni	A		
Dotti	A	Marge	A	Yolanda	x		
Estela	A	Martha G.	x				
Francisca	A	Mary Ellen	x	Father Greg *	A		
George	x	Mary	x	Stan *	A		
Gini	A	Michael C	x				
Glenn	x						

**Absent plus 30 days:** \*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

## Unfinished Business:

1. How are the Special cases going?
  - So far there are fewer cases than expected. What could be driving this anomaly.
  - Currently unemployment payments are higher than normal.
  - People on food stamps are receiving higher payments than normal.
  - The stimulus checks.
  - If you think of any way to get information to our friends, about the assistance we can provide, email your suggestions to Diane.
  - When working at the conference ask friends if they need any assistance other than food boxes.
2. There are so many who are working so hard, in so many ways! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

## New Business:

1. Stan's day care had to close, so Stan is coming in when he can and working from home

- a. He is doing a great job. He is at the conference in the mornings and sometimes in the afternoon for a short period of time. This will continue until the day care opens.
  - b. Tom and Ron will go to Tucson tomorrow to pick up food from the Diocese SVDP office. We are receiving quite a bit of food so they may need to make two runs to Tucson.
  - c. A big thank you to Tom, Ron and Rosa for stepping up while Stan is limited on the time he can come to the conference.
2. Friends of the Poor Grant, Western Region SVDP.
- a. Does anyone know if we have ever applied before?
    - Martha thinks SVDP applied previously but the types of support we provided at that time didn't necessarily meet the criteria for the grant.
  - b. Scotty will pursue this grant.
3. Legacy grant report will be done this week.
- Legacy grant balance is zero.
  - Email received from United Way and OLM has had fewer request from friends than was expected. They have used very little of their portion of the United Way Funds. We may end up getting those funds.
  - Faith Presbyterian Church is going to provide backpacks again, along with monetary funds to purchase items for the backpacks. It may be the end of August before we receive the backpacks and monetary funds. Also, they make additional monetary donations to SVDP on a regular basis.
4. Home Visits:
- Bryant delivered food to Rebecca and then within a few days she requested more food. Her daughter may have taken the first delivery. She also requested Bryant do some dishes for her and called the conference wanting medicine, neither of which we provided. Bryant thinks a home visit may be necessary to assess her situation and needs.
  - Diane gave Cheryl a ride home.
5. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:
- ▬ Pauline: A new friend came in, although his name is the same as another friend of ours. He was a nice young man. He works for a janitorial company. Wanted help with car repair and internet service. We did not provide assistance for either item. He is doing okay paying his rent. He was given a gas card.
  - ▬ Pauline: A friend came in asking for Norm. He was requesting assistance with rent of \$39.01 every month because that part of his rent is not covered by HUD. Called and talked with his case worker. The case worker had given him information about other agencies that could assist him. He had not contacted those agencies. We can't provide this assistance on a monthly basis.
  - ▬ Pauline: Friend needs help with last car payment of \$400. Kate at St. Andrews said they would pay \$200. Pauline will submit a special case.
  - ▬ Glenn, Ann L. and Maria: 89 year old friend came in but wasn't sure why she was

there. She had been to S.V. diagnostic and they sent her to SVDP maybe we could assist with co-pay. Called S.V. diagnostic and they said she does have a procedure scheduled. We did not provide any assistance and she returned to S.V. Diagnostic.

- Diane: Currently assisting a friend trying to get food stamps. Very frustrating process that has to be done online. Local office will not assist with the process.
- Ann L and Jerry: Spent several hours on <https://housing.az.gov> website assisting two friends applying for rental assistance. Now it's just wait and see if they get approved and how long the approval process takes. No one has talked with any friend who have actually received rental assistance from this fund. The funds are funneled through SEACAP.
- Janet called Joann. Joann's husband and son had COVID-19. Joann took care of both of them at home. She is doing good. Her grandson did the shopping for her.
- There was a fire at Mt Steppes apartment complex. Friends may come in requesting clothing and household vouchers. Be sure they have contacted Red Cross for assistance, because Red Cross provides lots of assistance in emergency situations such as losses from fires.

6. **Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others:** emailed separately

7. **Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately

8. For the good of the order:

- If a Vincentian, that is currently working at the conference, comes down with COVID-19, at what point are they allowed to return to work at the conference? This will be discussed at the board meeting and information will be provided at a later date.
- Still no update from Salvation Army about their employees who had contact with vendor diagnosed with COVID-19.

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

Adjourned: 6:30 pm

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