

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 08/03/2020

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Diane () Pauline (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??! Gloria. 8/10-Kathy; 8/17-Mike Cammack; 8/24-Maria

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (x) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes () Ann L. made a motion to accept the minutes. Toni 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	x
Ann F.	x	Hilary	x	Mike F.	x		
Ann L.	x	Janet	x	Norm	A		
Barbara	LOA	Jerry	x	Pauline	x		
Bryant	LOA	JoAnn	A	Sandra	A		
Dennis	A	Kathy	x	Scotty	x		
Diane	A	Margaret	x	Toni	x		
Dotti	x	Marge	A	Yolanda	A		
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	A						

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Friends applying for the state funds
 - a. We are working on getting the word out to the apartment property managers
 - Very few people take the newspaper.
 - A cover letter and flyer will be mailed to apartment property managers.
 - Information will be put on Face Book.
 - There is around \$40,000 to be used by December 31, 2020.
 - b. We will still ask our friends if they have applied for state assistance. If they have not, we will ask them to do so.
 - Ask them to call 211 to apply or assist them in applying, by calling 211, while they are at the conference. This is the quickest and most efficient way for them to apply. So far, the wait time, on the phone, to talk with a person, has been under 10 minutes.
 - It takes six to eight weeks to hear word back about their application.
 - c. We will move forward with a special case rather than waiting for the outcome of their application.

2. Can friends come back a second time for help with rent? Yes
 - a. Yes, if a friend has applied for state assistance and has not received any response on their application.
 - b. Second request for assistance must be at least 60 days since the last time they received assistance
 - It does not matter if their first special case was for utilities or rent, either way the 60 days still applies.
3. Use of a SVDP credit card for a hotel room, U-haul type rental, etc
 - a. This could be a huge liability. If a Friend trashed a hotel room or charged items, we would be responsible for the charges
 - b. This actually happened a few years ago with renting a U-haul for a Friend. The friend did not return it when they were supposed to return it, we were charged additional days rental. We had to pay it.
 - c. We will NOT use a credit card for hotel rooms, U-hauls or anything like that. We will never put a SVDP credit card "on file"
 - d. If a friend needs a hotel we can do two nights from the Homeless fund using a check.
 - e. Prior to using SVDP homeless funds, call GNA to see if they have room at GNA or funds to help the friend with a hotel room.

New Business:

1. New guidelines for Special cases
 - a. General guideline is still \$750. However, we can go up to \$1000 if you find sufficient reason and indicate why on the special case form.
 - Anthony with United Way agreed to the increased amounts for rent.
 - b. Explanation from the Vincentian as to why the Holy Spirit is "pulling your heart strings" to request a higher amount on a particular case.
 - c. Pauline will edit the special case form to accommodate the needed explanation as to why a higher amount is being requested on a particular special case.
 - d. Utilities-up to \$400. The utility fund is for bills under \$100. If necessary, and you can explain why, you may do the \$100 in addition to the special case for \$300.
2. Upcoming events
 - The SVDP, once a year, national assembly is in August. It will be online this year. You must sign up but can log in for free. There will be different speakers and you can sign up for the topics you are interested in hearing about. Pauline will email the link.
 - Daily public mass is resuming. You can attend in person or continue attending via live stream.
 - Friday through Monday Masses will count as Sunday obligation. Check the St Andrews website or call the office for Mass times.
 - Joanna brought in some backpacks. Faith Presbyterian will provide 75

backpacks, and funds to fill the backpacks, for next year.

- There are new white socks at the conference if anyone comes in needing socks.
- We need plastic bags for toiletries.
- Currently the toiletry bags contains enough items for two to three people. If a family needs more than that let the food bank personnel know and they can give them two of the toiletry bags.

3. Home Visits:

- Pauline and Mike F drove a lady home with her food box.

4. Special cases: Amount available _____

5. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Pauline: Friend who works at Ross came in needing help paying a plumbing bill. The friend smelled gas leak and called gas company. Gas was shut off immediately. The first plumber the friend talked to was difficult to work with. The friend will get more estimates and come back to see if we can assist with getting the gas line fixed in her home. The friends mother had been taken by ambulance to the hospital and she is unable to visit her. The friends son has mental and physical disabilities. The friend was very overwhelmed by everything that is going on and needs support. If she returns with more estimates, Pauline will submit a special case.
- Ann L. A father and son moved here from Missouri and are homeless. The father was just released from hospital and has multiple prescriptions. Sent friend to FoodCity to get the prescriptions filled. Called GNA to see if there was room for them. Brad, with GNA, was not at work but he called Ann and was able to put them in a hotel room for four nights.
- Mary Ellen: Our friend Joy hasn't been in since March. Mary Ellen went by Mountain Steppes apartments and spoke with office personnel. They reported that Joy seems to be doing well.

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:

- Pauline attended a funeral for a father and son. The daughters/sisters spoke at the funeral. One sister spoke about her brother and how she wished she had called him more often. The other lady spoke about her father and how when he prayed the meal blessing "Bless us O lord and these thy GIFTS" he not only thanked God for the food but all other gifts received from God.
- Mary Ellen called Sandy but did not get an answer.
- Margaret called Barbara. She is doing well.

- Martha spoke with Estella. She is doing well.
- Bryant is doing well. He worked the St Paul food distribution.
- Dotti asked about inviting Wilma to come back to the conference. Martha said she has spoken with Wilma and she knows the door is open if she would like to return.
- If you worked any extra hours in July, outside of conference hours and meeting hours, please email the number of hours to Mary. Also, please email any mileage that you have to claim for July.

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

Adjourned: 6:30 pm

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