

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 08/31/2020

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

Welcome Ann Lee!!! As many of you know, she has been working a LOT as a caseworker, which is SO appreciated!!

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. Martha seconded. Motion passed.

Who are you: No one 8/31-business meeting 9/7 Labor day-no meeting 9/14-Glenn 9/21-Diane
Remaining: Estella, Ann F, Sandee, Barbara, Michaela

Diane provided information about "National Overdose Awareness Day". Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States. In 2019, 72,000 persons died from overdoses. That is 200 people every day. It is projected that in 2020 this number will increase by 13% to \$84,000. One out of three people have a relative struggling with drug addiction. Pamela Jones Lanhart wrote a wonderful book "Praying Our Loved Ones Home".

Attendance: Total Active Members (31); LOA (2) Present (25) Absent (6) 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	X		
Barbara	LOA	Jerry	X	Pauline	X		
Bryant	LOA	JoAnn	X	Sandra	X		
Dennis	X	Kathy	X	Scotty	A		
Diane	X	Margaret	X	Toni	X		
Dotti	X	Marge	A	Yolanda	A		
Estela	A	Martha G.	X				
Francisca	X	Mary Ellen	A	Father Greg *	A		
George	X	Mary	X	Stan *	A		
Gini	X	Michael C	X				
Glenn	X						

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Unfinished Business:

- 1.** Election of President: Estella nominated Martha for president. George seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Installation of the new president will take place on September 28th at the in person Conference meeting. Meeting location will be announced later based on availability of space.
 - Maria Ford and Shelly Granger will be inducted as Associate members on September 28th at the in person meeting.
 - Steve Conroy has been inducted as an Associate member but will receive his pin at the September 28th at the in person meeting.
- 2.** Reminder: St Paul Street Evangelization group is praying a Rosary on September 5th at 12 p.m. in front of the police station for our Police. Please join if you can and wear your St Vincent de Paul shirts.

New Business:

1. We will be starting a driver's safety program for all who drive SVDP vehicles. Manager's will take care of ensuring employees participate in the driver safety program. We will also be starting Motor Vehicle Reports for all drivers of SVDP vehicles. Doing this will save SVDP \$50.00 per vehicle per year.
2. Brad Roland with GNA scheduled a Zoom meeting with the Coalition for Homeless. Diane and Pauline attended the Zoom meeting.
 - Cochise county currently has 58 homeless people. Sierra Vista has 22.
 - They are looking for a 501c3 to coordinate a program called "Big Bucks". SVDP **will not be** the coordinator of this program.
 - It involves having a committee to gather sponsors such as local businesses.
 - Local businesses agree to a coupon, for a certain dollar amount to their establishment, be included in the booklet.
 - Booklets are sold and can be donated to homeless persons.
 - This project was done in Flagstaff and took about a year to see any money generated above the initial cost of the project.
- 3.** Upcoming events?
 - a.** Finance Budget meeting will be September 2 at 1:00 p.m. Madonna Hall
 - b.** 8 September, Tues SVDP Mass
 - c.** 9 September feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam---should we make that our Communal Mass instead of the 8th???
 - George made a motion to move the SVDP Mass to 9 September. Ann L. seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - d.** 12 September: Food will continue to be distributed from St. Paul's MissionaryBaptistChurch. This will continue every two weeks for the foreseeable future.
 - e.** 27 September—Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul. This is a Sunday. If you attend public Mass on the 27th, please wear your St Vincent de Paul shirts.
 - f.** Birthdays:
 - i.** 9/5---Yolie
 - ii.** 9/8---Martha
 - iii.** 9/10---Ann Fellrath
 - iv.** 9/11---Pauline
 - v.** 9/14---Fr Greg
 - vi.** 9/24---Diane
 - vii.** 9/26---George
 - viii.** 9/29---Gini
- 4.** Special Case committee
 - When submitting a special case, if the apartment complex is charging late fees, please add a total of three days' worth of late fees to the amount requested on the special case form.

- All Legacy funds have been spent.
- Remaining Wick funds around \$8500. No deadline for use of these funds.
- Our budget for United Way funds for September is \$7000 for rent and \$2000 for utilities
- We will consider applying to Wick and Legacy for additional funds.
- We also still have Fernandez funds that do not expire.
- In July the special case committee used the grant from United Way to help friends with \$7093.06 in rental assistance and \$1452.85 in utility assistance.
- In August the special case committee used the grant from United Way to help friends with \$8061.61 in rental assistance and \$1452.17 in utility assistance.
- Special Cases are increasing just as we expected.
- In order for tenants to not be evicted, they must provide proof they are behind on their rent because of COVID-19 and loss of income due to COVID-19.
- Pauline talked with the managers at VistaVillage and Sierra Antigua apartment complexes to see if they would stop late fees if they know we are working with the tenant to get the rent covered. They weren't very receptive to the request so Pauline asked them if they would consider reimbursing us the late fees as a donation to SVDP.

5. Finance committee report

- Overall the year to date (Oct 2019 – July 2020) figures reflected we are close to staying within the budget.
- Donations have kept us solvent with a net income of \$23,000 for this year.
- Credit Union account balance is \$189,000. \$53,000 of that is funds from the PPP Loan. \$20,000 is the Wick and Legacy funds.
- Next Finance Budget meeting will be September 2 at 1:00 p.m. Next year's budget will be discussed.

6. Thrift Store committee Report

- Sales: Almost \$1500 per day average sales in July.
- Shelly is going to hire a person to help in the donation area.
- Estimates have been requested for coating the back room floor.
- Dennis worked to get the cooler working again. Thank you Dennis.

7. Food Bank committee report

- Food Bank gave out 781 boxes in July. 25,000 people were fed.
- Stan requested a helper while Ron is sick. Ron is at Corner Stone Hospital in Tucson. Diane made a motion to ask Tom to fill in when needed at \$12.00 per hour. Ann F. seconded. Motion passed.
- Food Bank received money from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Also received \$10,000 from AZ Association of Food Banks.
- Thanksgiving turkey food box program was discussed. Stan said stores can't buy food in large amounts at this time. May start buying food now for the Thanksgiving food boxes.
- Merit Food Proposal - Farmers to Families Food Boxes were discussed. Merit Food has applied to USDA for the contract. It does not appear that they got the contract. Willcox SVDP went to Phoenix and picked up food.
- Walk for the Poor is normally the end of September. Since this event won't happen, other ideas are being considered such as "Stuff the Food Bank Truck". Other ideas will also be discussed at a later date.
- Refrigerator/Freezers in the Food Bank are very old. Stan proposed buying a new Turbo Air Refrigerator and Freezer that run on propane. Ann F. made a motion to buy the 3 door freezer and

2 door refrigerator NTE \$8,000.00 from Food Bank Funds. Stella seconded. Motion passed. Later the motion was ratified to \$8415.12 to cover state taxes. Stan was able to negotiate \$200 of the price of \$8415.12.

8. Poor box report: \$83.17 for August

9. Home Visits: None to report

10. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Toni: Care Court worked for Theresa Bly and she is in a group home in Tucson. She is responding well to treatment and likes the group home. Thanks to all who dedicated so much time walking through the process with Theresa.
- Ann L.: On August 29th Stan texted Ann, during the Board Meeting, to say Bryan was at SVDP again and did not look good. He is homeless and gets beat up quite often. It appeared he had an infected sore on his head. Bryan normally resist any kind of help through EMT or ambulance. An ambulance was called on August 28th. Through Stan's dedication and caring for Bryan he was able to convince Bryan to go in the ambulance. Martha asked if we could try to assist Bryan in the same way we assisted Theresa.
- Dennis: The manager at Desert Inn, that SVdP works with quite often, and is always very helpful, got laid off. She was lost and didn't know how to get through the situation. She came to SVdP for assistance.

11. Vincentian Schedule: emailed separately

12. Prayer requests: emailed separately

13. For the good of the order:

- Al emailed the SVdP Rent Payment Assistance flyer to 26 apartment complexes. The ones who responded said how grateful they are to SVdP for all we do for our friends and the community.
- Pauline is out all of September
- Mary is gone 12-25 September. Mary Ellen was nominated to take the minutes at the Zoom meeting on 14 and 21 September.
- Diane and Glenn will be gone 3 weeks in October.

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

Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.

Recorder: Mary (Secretary) Other - ()