

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 09/21/2020**

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

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

**Who are you:** Diane is next in line.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes ( )

**Attendance: Total Active Members (31); LOA (2) Present (19) Absent (13) Quorum (16)**

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

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

## **Unfinished Business:**

1. Scotty is in the process of preparing the application for the Legacy grant; need a project budget. Another grant application on the horizon is for the expansion of the Thrift Store, but this will require a specific plan and accompanying figures.
2. Installation of new president and induction of Associate Members Shelly and Maria will occur at the next meeting: September 28<sup>th</sup>. Need personal and contact information to provide to Blanca and other members.
3. JoAnn reported to Martha that Faith Presbyterian Church had donated \$910 for the backpack program AND 69 backpacks completely outfitted. (Backpacks had been blessed at their last service.) JoAnn will thank the Church members for their generous and loyal support of the backpack program.

## **New Business:**

1. In-person meetings. Both Diane and Martha would very much like to resume in-person meetings as it is better fosters the Vincentian spirit and would include those who are not Zoomable. Kino hall would provide enough room to safely space out. Martha determined it is available on Monday evening from 5:00 to 6:30 (preceding Confirmation

class). This will be discussed further to decision

2. New Conference credit card account at Ace Hardware for appropriate purchases. Estela's credit card will be utilized

3. Upcoming events:

Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul. – Sunday, 9/27, 10:00 Mass. Please wear your St Vincent de Paul shirts. There may be information on the Society in the bulletin.

4. Southwest Gas Grant: Dottie announced that the Southwest Gas Grant program is on hold pending some a change in their EIN. In the meantime gas needs above the Conference limit should be addressed via the Special Case program. (The portal is still available to process payments directly to SW Gas.)

Dennis had a grant application in process and it was recommended he follow up and if the issue isn't resolved by Thursday, to submit as a Special Case instead.

Gini pointed out that while the Fernandez Fund was put on hold when the Pandemic grant monies became available, there is still a balance of \$6,000 in the fund. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Martha will follow up with Maury to see when things will be up and running again.

5. Home Visits: Food box to Joy Rice.

6. Special cases: NA

7. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: Gini shared a case forwarded to her from Father Greg through Diane. It involved a woman in Douglas who had domestic violence against her and needed to return to Alamagordo. She had the funds for the bus ticket but needed housing until she could leave the next day. Gini arranged a room in the Knights Inn and handled the transaction from Conference funds. (Did not open a file since she is not local.)

8. Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others: Separate document.

Martha mentioned the devastation of the fires in Oregon. Ann Lund suggested the Conference make a donation to the regional St. Vincent de Paul conference. Martha will follow up.

9. Vincentian Schedule: The schedule needs were discussed and addressed.

10. For the good of the order:

- Martha related JoAnn's concern about a Friend who had sought rental assistance from the Salvation Army. She did not have all the documents they require so she was referred to St. Vincent's and she felt Salvation Army treated her rudely in the process. Jerry saw her and did a Special Case on her behalf.
- Ann Lund suggested the Conference make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul in the Oregon fire afflicted areas.

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

Adjournment: 6:30 p.m.

Recorder: Mary (Secretary) ( ) Other - (X) Mary Ellen