

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 10/05/20

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

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

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (31); LOA (2) Present (24) Absent (7) 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	x	Kathy	A	Scotty	x		
Diane	x	Margaret	x	Toni	x		
Dotti	x	Marge	x	Yolanda	x		
Estela	A	Martha G.	x				
Francisca	x	Mary Ellen	x	Father Greg *	A		
George	x	Mary	x	Stan *	A		
Gini	x	Michael C	A				
Glenn	x						

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Unfinished Business:

1. Legacy Foundation Grant was received in the amount of \$10,000.
 - It will be used for special cases for rent and utilities.
 - Use the same guidelines that we have been using for special cases.
 - THANK YOU, Scotty for all your hard work on the Legacy Grant!
2. A Credit Card Account was established in Martha's name. It will be used for purchases at Ace Hardware.
3. Zoom Meetings vs. In-Person Meetings.
 - We will have two Zoom meetings and two in person meetings each month.
 - The in person meetings will take place in Kino Hall at 5:00 p.m. There will be a microphone.
 - No meeting on Columbus day October 12th.
 - The October 19 meeting will be at Kino Hall at 5:00 p.m.
4. Fr. Greg reported many Vincentians at all the Masses for St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day. Thanks to all.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events
 - a. For Zoom Meetings email your prayer request to Mary before the meeting so she can compile the prayer request list and have it ready prior to the meeting taking place. Martha will read the prayer request.
 - b. We'll continue to send around the Prayer Request Sheet at In-person meetings. Martha will read the prayer request at in person meetings.
 - c. Birthdays:

- Kathy October 6th
- Marge October 13
- Sandra October 16
- Margaret October 21

d. SVdP Mass: October 13th at 9:00 a.m. Please wear your SVdP shirts.

2. Finance committee report

- At the end of August, the regular checking account balance was \$25,000.
- The Credit Union account balance is \$189,000.
- The Homeless Fund CD closed in August 2020 prior to the conference withdrawing funds for fiscal year 2021. The funds for the Homeless Fund in fiscal year 2021 will come from conference funds. In August of 2021 funds will be withdrawn from the Homeless Fund CD to reimburse the conference for the 2021 funds and to fund the Homeless fund for fiscal year 2022. There is currently \$1100 in the Homeless Fund that will roll over.
- At the end of August the Fernandez fund balance was \$6,000. Some of those funds were used in September.
- SVdP received another \$10,000 from the Legacy Foundation to be used for special cases for rent and utilities. Follow the same guidelines that we have been following for special cases.
- Funds that are provided and directed to be used in a specific and dedicated way such as special case grants or the Fernandez funds roll over at the end of each month.
- Funds that are budgeted to be used for utilities come from SVdP general funds and do not roll over at the end of the month. Those funds can, if needed, be used for another purpose during the year.
- For October, November and December of 2020 the utility fund will receive \$400 per day for a total of \$8400 per month.
- The utility account will be padded, at the beginning of the month, with an initial \$500 plus the \$400 on the first day of the month for a total of \$900 to start each month.
- Next Finance meeting is October 16th.

3. Special case committee report

- \$23,000 has been budgeted from SVdP funds for special cases.
- SVdP still has \$6,000 for rent and \$2,100 for utilities from United Way. Those funds are shared with OLM SVdP.
- Starting October 2020 until the end of the year 2020 friends can receive a total of \$200 in utility support for the year.
- If a friends request for utility assistance is over \$200 it must go to the Special Case committee.
- Internet service is now included as a utility, subject to the normal guidelines, with the exception that, internet assistance is primarily for households with children unless there are unusual circumstances where the friend is unable to go to a location and use free wifi.
- Phone service is now included as a utility, subject to the normal guidelines, to include establishing phone service or paying a phone bill.
- When assisting a friend with internet or phone service be sure they understand this is considered part of their utility assistance for the year.
- When submitting special cases, you do not need to provide a lot of documentation. Use the same criteria we have been using. Please provide as much detail as possible and state if it COVID related. Knowing if it is COVID related allows the Special Case committee to determine what funds to use for each case.
- SW Gas grants are still on hold. Use from the utility fund or submit a special case.

4. Thrift Store committee Report
 - Sales for September were \$40,761.52
 - Shelly is planning a pizza party for the employees.
 - Shelly is setting \$40,000 as her monthly goal.
 - The next Thrift Store meeting is October 13th.

5. Food Bank committee report
 - In September the food bank committee voted to cancel the Thanksgiving dinners this year due to issues with purchasing food in bulk due to COVID.
 - At the board meeting, the board reversed that decision and said distribution of Turkey dinners would take place by coming up with creative ways of purchasing enough food to meet the need and distributing the food.
 - Stan has new information to put out concerning the purchasing of the food so there is an emergency food bank meeting October 8th at 10:00 a.m. Room 3 in Madonna Hall.
 - The sign-up time frame for Turkey dinners this year will be approximately 2 1/2 weeks.
 - Distribution of the Turkey dinners will be by appointment only.
 - Walk for the Poor was cancelled this year due to COVID
 - The Safeway cards have not been used yet this year.
 - Ron was at St. Mary's in Tucson but may have been moved to Life Care in Sierra Vista. He may be sent home due to not having long term care insurance. He is having trouble using his hands. Once home he may need a ramp. They are working to get him home health care. Please keep Ron in your prayers.

6. Poor box report: \$144. The poor box was broken into again.

7. Home Visits: None

8. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:
 - Norm reported a lot of friends came in requesting utility assistance at the beginning of October. SSVEC shut offs began on October 1st. Friends are required to set up a payment plan to be reconnected. Once the payment plan is established, we verify it, and then make a payment towards their delinquent account. Once the payment has been made SSVEC will turn the electric back on. If they miss one payment it will be shut off again.

9. Vincentian Schedule: emailed separately

10. Prayer requests: emailed separately

11. For the good of the order:

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

Adjourned: 6:20 pm

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

