

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 11/16/2020

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

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

Who are you??!

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (31); LOA (2) Present (18) Absent (13) Quorum (16)

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>TRAINING</u>	
Al	A	Gloria	A	Michaela	X	Maria	A
Ann F.	A	Hilary	X	Mike F.	X		
Ann L.	X	Janet	A	Norm	X		
Barbara	LOA	Jerry	X	Pauline	X		
Bryant	LOA	JoAnn	X	Sandra	A		
Dennis	X	Kathy	X	Scotty	A		
Diane	A	Margaret	X	Toni	A		
Dotti	A	Marge	X	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. Turkey Distribution Update - Pauline
 - Tomorrow we are preparing the Thanksgiving boxes (dry goods). Start time: 7:30 AM. Just come in and help. Some Teens and Knights will also come.
 - We have received many donations (turkeys and other food). Acacia B will also bring turkeys.
 - Safeway may donate the small turkey dinners (for 1-2 persons).
 - About 15 teenagers (Bill P.) and some knights will help with the distribution. We have 20 shopping carts.
 - Our friends will be required to wear masks. We will give them masks if they do not have. Exceptions okay for people who cannot wear a mask.
2. The sign-up sheet for distribution days is going around. Pauline will be there the entire time (both days).
3. Interest of Buddy System for those who live alone. (Daily calls to check on each other.) Martha will send an email.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events:
 - Nov. 23rd Weekly Meeting will be a Zoom meeting.
 - Finance Committee Meeting will be on Friday, 11/20, at 10 AM in Madonna Hall.
 - No Food Bank Committee Meeting this month.

2. Martha: Blanca wants to thank Gini and Al for the laptop. Blanca has a lot of reports to prepare for the end of the year and for the accountant.
 - Coverage for Blanca. Ann Lund will be at the front desk on Monday, 11/23, and Norm on Wednesday. Pauline has a checklist for what needs to be done when you cover for Blanca. If you encounter any problems, you may call Martha or Gini. Spanish speaking Vincentians may be called to help.
3. The Chounard Foundation has donated \$15,000 to the Food Bank and \$5,000 to the Conference.
4. Home Visits: None.
5. Special cases: Amount available is approximately \$10,000.
6. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:
 - Gini and Dotti tried to help a mother and her four children (ages 8,4,3,2) find a place to rent. They are now in a hotel. They left Seattle – a domestic violence situation. The mother does not want to go to Forgach House. She has no job, is looking for one. The only place they were accepted wants \$1,200 deposit.
 - Margie: GNA used to help with housing. Is the program still going on? Pauline will check with GNA.
 - Kathy helped a Friend with a phone bill. St. Andrew does not help with this.
7. Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others: emailed separately
8. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately
9. For the good of the order:
 - Please try to email your prayer requests by 2 PM on Mondays. If you send them later, they will probably not be on list for the meeting but they will be on the emailed document.
 - Margaret has a document from Barbara regarding bed bugs in apartment complexes. It lists what the tenant has to do. The information will be at the Conference.
 - Gini: On Friday, 11/20, at 8:30 AM there will be a special Mass to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the SVdP Society in the United States. The email has been sent to all of us. To attend you need to register using that email.
 - Ann Lund: Many times, the rent includes utilities. At least the water/sewage is included. This means you may use money from Utilities. If there is a late fee added daily, try to help the friend stop the late fees. Usually the late fees stop if the amount due is under \$100.

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

Adjourned: 6:10 pm

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