

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 11/30/2020**

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

If you have a special case, do you have your forms filled out and emailed to the Special Case Committee?

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

**Who are you??!!**

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

**Attendance: Total Active Members (30); LOA (3) Present (20) Absent (10) Quorum (15)**

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

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

## **Unfinished Business**

### 1. Turkey Distribution Update - Pauline

- 140 Turkey boxes were distributed. This includes food bank and store volunteers and employees.
- Starting December 7th Stan will begin distributing the 1-2 person deli dinners from Safeway and also giving turkeys to larger families. Do not advertise this as it will occur during normal operating hours.
- Pauline asked the reporter from the SV Herald to mention Stan in the article about the turkey distribution but they did not make mention of him and all he does to provide the turkey boxes to needy families. Thank you Stan for your dedication to our friends.
- Pauline will provide an After Actions report to the conference.

### 2. Jackets Update - Pauline

- The current sign up sheet, for jackets/coats from the Real Wishes foundation, is unclear making it difficult to determine who needs coats, who has picked up coats, what sizes are actually needed for children etc. The sign up sheet is being updated and will be available at the conference. Going forward, please use the new sign-up sheet for coats.
- For children who need coats please use actual sizes such as 8-10, 11-12, etc. instead of S, M, L.
- PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE write legibly so others can determine who is getting the coats, sizes and what coats have already been distributed.

### 3. Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1st, at 1:00 p.m. at Martha's house.

## New Business:

### 1. Upcoming events:

- Good News from United Way - Beginning January 2021 through September 2021 United Way will have an additional \$100,000 for rental assistance and 47,000 for utilities. These funds will be spread across several organizations. Special Cases using United Way funds must have a HUD form attached to them.
- Michaela will be taking a four month Leave of Absence.
- The Monday, December 7th, meeting will be via Zoom at 5 p.m. This will be a business meeting so please prepare your reports for the meeting.
- Zina is stepping down as the Conference Facebook Administrator and Gloria will take over as the administrator.
- If you have any store plastic bags please bring them to the conference for toiletries.
- The hotel list has been updated. Most hotels are charging much more than they previously did. Most are over \$60 per night. The board will discuss the new rates and provide guidance on what the maximum dollar amount should be for SVdP to assist with hotel rooms.

### 2. Home Visits: None

### 3. Special cases: Amount available

- United Way \$2057 for rental assistance
- United Way \$269 for utilities.
- November Special Case fund ended in the negative but with December conference funds of \$13,000 which begins tomorrow and the additional reported United Way funds the November cases are covered.

### 4. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Gloria: Bryan T. is living in a shed on the property at Carmichael and Theater. Bryan came by SVdP conference but refused the coat that Gloria had bought for him. Stan and Gloria will try to do a welfare check on Bryan.
- Kathy: Saw a lady at church using the bathroom sink to wash her cloths and brush her teeth. She told Kathy she is banned from GNA and Forgach house and she thinks those places are just cover places for dealing drugs. If you meet people in this situation, refer them over to the conference.
- The store doesn't currently have tents for the homeless. You can use homeless funds to buy inexpensive two person tents at Walmart or other locations.
- A couple needed a fuel pump. Midas wanted over \$900 to do the repairs. Monty's Motors did the repairs for a little over \$400. Thanks to Monty's Motors.

### 5. Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others: emailed separately

### 6. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately

### 7. For the good of the order

- Pauline: Align yourself in the morning when you wake.. TRY FOR 10 DAYS When you wake, before anything, say "Good Morning Jesus" and report back how what happened.... If you want.
- Margaret will be sending a spiritual reading to Martha "Becoming the Beggar". Martha will forward to all Vincentians. It is a long article but well worth the read.

- Mary: When my family had several family members sick and in need of surgery our family started a fast for every day of the week. Each family member picked a day of the week to fast. Being a large family, we had everyday covered so that we had continuous fasting going the entire week. We have been doing this for the entire month of November and are continuing it for their healing. It is a great way to keep a person in prayer every minute of every day. If you have someone in need of constant prayer start a fast with your family members. If your family is not large enough to cover everyday of the week invite your friends or fellow Vincentians to assist in the continuous fast.

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

Adjourned: 6:10 pm

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