

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 01/04/2021

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

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. Mike F. seconded. Motion passed.

Attendance: Total Active Members (30); LOA (4) Present (22) Absent (7) Quorum (15)

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>Associate Member</u>	
Al	x	Gloria	A	Michaela	LOA	Maria	A
Ann F.	x	Hilary	A	Mike F.	x		
Ann L.	x	Janet	x	Norm	x	Visitors	
Barbara	LOA	Jerry	x	Pauline	x	Ann Lee	x
Bryant	LOA	JoAnn	A	Sandra	A		
Dennis	x	Kathy	x	Scotty	x		
Diane	x	Margaret	x	Toni	A		
Dotti	x	Marge	x	Yolanda	A	Training	
Estela	A	Martha G.	x				
Francisca	LOA	Mary Ellen	x	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:

- Thank You to all who covered the desk for Blanca and who worked as Caseworkers & Special Case handlers.
- Thank You to Bryant Sayers, Bryant's mother, Larry Powers and a SVdP friend for helping in the Food Bank during the Holiday Season!
- United Way Grant nothing new at this time.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events
 - a. Birthdays: Jerry Till January 22nd, Mike Feeney January 31st.
 - b. SVdP Mass Conference Communal Mass Tuesday January 12th Live Streamed
 - c. There is a new form for tracking the extra hours and mileage Vincentians spend on special cases. It will be in the Special Case folder.
 - d. Pauline and Dennis are creating a Conference sign to hang on the Conference side of our building. It will state "SVdP Main Office, the hours and days of the week we are open and other information." Pauline will send photos of the sign once the design is finished.
 - e. The Conference received a \$2,500 donation to the Anita Fernandez Fund by her sister, Lydia Collins.
 - f. At the request of Lupita, in the Parish Office, Martha is preparing a list of Conference Members, Volunteers, and Store Employees to send to Lupita. Lupita needs the information to ensure we are compliant with diocese requirements for Conference members, employees and volunteers. Martha will be giving Lupita everyone's email addresses. You may get an email saying you are

required to fill out the required forms and submit them. This is a requirement every three years.

2. Finance committee report

- November expenses exceeded income but SVdP conference is still receiving a lot of donations.
- SVdP spent a lot on Aid to Friends in November.
- SVdP always receive United Way funds from Special Cases the following month.
- SVdP received \$10,000 for the Fernandez Fund, \$2,500 from Anita's sister that also goes to the Fernandez Fund, \$5,000 from the credit union, \$5,000 from Legacy Foundation and \$2,500 to the Thrift Store from a private donation.
- SVdP now has capital improvements built into the budget. This will be used to maintain the Thrift Store, Conference and Food Bank buildings.

3. Thrift Store committee Report

- Almost \$40,000 in sales in December
- The work on the front room of the store is set to begin. The contractor must remove the wax from the floor before the epoxy can be painted on the floor. The store may close for a few days if any health hazards are caused from the renovations of the front room.
- Shelly closed the Thrift store eBay account. eBay made changes to payment methods and eBay wasn't very profitable for the store so it was decided the account was no longer needed.
- Forty-three store shopping vouchers were sent to Carmichael school students. Only 15 were redeemed by Christmas. Four were returned by the post office as undeliverable. The vouchers are good for one year.
- Pauline is working with Zena on Facebook Market Place announcements. Pauline will get with Mary Ellen to see if Facebook Market Place is a good resource for the store.

4. Food Bank December committee report

- Served 3,600 friends, 1,029 food boxes distributed.
- Received \$31,000 in donations. \$27,900 spent on food.
- 28,000 pounds of food distributed
- 10,000 pounds of food donated
- There are still turkeys and Safeway deli dinners in the large freezer. Stan will be encouraged to distribute the turkeys and deli dinners now instead of waiting until Easter.

5. Special Case Committee:

- \$631 remaining in the Legacy Fund
- The Special Case Committee needs the allotted \$13,000 SVdP funds to continue approving January Special Cases.
- If you have a special case for utilities \$250 or under, COVID related and Sierra Vista resident, be sure to use the new United Way Utility fund that was established.
- Since we are sharing the United Way funds with OLM, if a friend from OLM comes to the conference for assistance, that is COVID related and they are Sierra Vista residents, go ahead and submit a special case for them to the Special Case committee.

6. Poor box report: \$730.61.

7. Home Visits: None

8. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Mary Ellen: According to Theresa's case worker, APS is going to pay Theresa's lodging at Bella Vista until Theresa's money is released and she receives a housing voucher.
- SVdP friend Ester came to the conference. She is with a guy and they are homeless. They were given a tent. His mother has Ester's children. The man she is with is controlling and makes it difficult to have a one on one conversation with Ester. It is very concerning.

9. Prayer requests: emailed separately

10. Vincentian Schedule: emailed separately

11. For the good of the order:

- Diane: Since the conference email that Blanca uses was hacked, the conference should consider establishing email accounts through the SVdP website. They would be more secure and there would be an administrator to oversee the emails accounts. Al will get with Blanca to discuss email options for the conference that are more secure.
- Since it is unclear how SVdP data is currently being backed up, backup options need to be known and established. Currently only the friend's files are backed up to the cloud.

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

Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.

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