

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 01/11/2021**

**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 ( ) Ann L. made a motion to accept the minutes. Gini seconded. Motion passed.

**Attendance: Total Active Members (27); LOA (6) Present (19) Absent (8) Quorum (14)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>Associate Member</b>	
Al	x	Gloria	A	Michaela	LOA	Maria	A
Ann F.	LOA	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	x	<b>Training</b>	
Diane	x	Margaret	x	Toni	A		
Dotti	x	Marge	A	Yolanda	A		
Estela	LOA	Martha G.	x				
Francisca	LOA	Mary Ellen	x	Father Greg *	A		
George	x	Mary	x	Stan *	A		
Gini	x	Michael C	x				
Glenn	A						

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

## **Unfinished Business:**

1. Conference Sign: The conference sign will arrive tomorrow. Also ordered two signs for the Thrift Store that state "Every penny you spend goes to help the local community".
2. Thrift Store Renovations:
  - The front floor area is almost done. Will be starting the Shoe and Electric area on Wednesday. The old tile has to be removed and move the counters and electric for the cash registers.
  - The epoxy does not have any odor but timing of renovations may still require at least one day of closure for the store.
  - All the paper signs and adhesive has been removed from the front doors of the Store and the counters.
  - A solution is needed so customers do not enter the store through the donation area. Some items donated have price tags on them from yard sales. Customers pick up these items from the donation area and bring them to the cash register. The cashier does not realize that the price tag is not the store price tag.
3. Computer/Email/Backup:
  - Blanca does a local backup to a thumb drive and stores it in the safe.
  - Dropbox does a 30 day backup of the Friends records.
  - Al spoke with Blanca and new email accounts will be established that are administrator assigned and controlled.
  - A domain was created for SVdP Host Gator web email: svdp-sierravista.org
  - Al's email account is al@svdp-sierravista.org
  - Accessing a friends file from home was discussed but determined for security reasons it would not be

done.

- If a Vincentian wants to work a special case from home, the friends record can be sent to the Vincentian by email along with the special case form. If you work a special case from home, you must update the friends record and send it back to Blanca by email. Blanca will save it to the Friends file at the conference.

## **New Business:**

### 1. Upcoming events:

- JoAnn Schneider reported she received 302 pair of socks from the SV Mobile Home Park. Quite a few are children's sizes that she can't use in the Backpacks. She will bring them into the Conference Tuesday for Caseworkers' to give to parents with children. Please ask anyone who comes for help who have children if they can use some socks.
- Section 8 housing choice voucher wait list will be open from 8 a.m. January 19, 2021 until 5 p.m. February 2, 2021. Applications will be taken on-line. Section 8 pays rent based on income. Even when approved for Section 8 housing the wait time is long due to a shortage of Section 8 apartments or Section 8 homes.

### 2. Home Visits: None

### 3. Special case funds:

- SVdP Funds: **-\$1,749**. Gini will get with Jerry.
- Legacy Grant: \$21.13
- Wick Grant: Martha will forward an email from Angie with the Wick Foundation to Scotty. Scotty will begin work on the Wick Grant application.
- For bookkeeping purposes, when writing check annotate in detail what funds are being used; i.e. SVdP utilities, United Way utilities, United Way Special Case rent, United Way Special Case utilities, Fernandez Fund, etc.

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

- Mary Ellen: Friend Ethridge came in for rent assistance. Due to COVID, he lost his job back in May. He has been trying to get unemployment. He had a five day eviction notice with rent due of \$4014. He has two children. SVdP approved him for rent assistance in October based on him coming up with part of the funds that were due at that time. He never came back in October so no help was provided. The complex where he rents has a COVID rental assistance plan but he has not spoken with the office about this plan of action. It was recommended he walk away and find a cheaper place to rent. He was given the list for low income housing options. He may come back to SVdP tomorrow. Based on the new Stimulus package they can't be evicted until at least the end of January. Also, the apartment complex has to go through the legal process to evict tenants.

### 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:

- No meeting next Monday due to Martin Luther King holiday.
- The conference is closed on Martin Luther King holiday.
- Thrift Store meeting is Tuesday, January 12.
- Finance meeting is Friday, January 15, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

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