

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 03/22/2021

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Martha () Other (X) Margaret Time: 5:02 pm

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

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (30); LOA (3) Present (22) Absent (11) Quorum (15)

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

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Safe Environment ZOOM meeting - March 29th – mandatory. Link sent by Al. Arrangements have been made for those without computer access to view with others. Al will secure a link to record the session for Vincentians who are not available.
2. Thank you to Michaela for arranging the anniversary Mass for Anita Fernandez each year. Anita and her service as a Vincentian were special and the continuing support of her family is much appreciated.

New Business:

1. Two refurbished computers have been purchased for the Conference, along with Microsoft Office licenses. The Board authorized up to \$1,000, but the actual cost was \$638. Al handled this project and will install the computers when they arrive.
2. Seeing Friends inside the Conference. Per agreement at the Board meeting, if all Vincentians working any particular shift agree, Friends may be brought into the Conference to discuss their needs. If any Vincentian is uncomfortable, the process currently in place will be utilized.
3. Opening Food Bank to Military Personnel and Families. In the past the Post preferred to

handle the needs of the military families. However, to St. Vincent de Paul there is no distinction when there is need. Ann Lund will contact Mary Barnes in the Chaplain's office to advise we are available if military people need help. Gini noted she had recently assisted a military family. Notice about the Food Bank will also be placed in the food boxes distributed on Saturday at Len Roberts Park. Larry Powers will get the copies produced.

4. Dealing with Friends from Outside our area. When a Friend from outside our area comes for food they should be (a) provided with food, (b) entered into our data base with a clear heading of their location e.g. DOUGLAS, and (c) given information about the St. Vincent de Paul in their area. If it is for other needs it was suggested the Vincentian call the appropriate Conference and obtain the information which will facilitate the Friend's visit to that location, i.e. days and hours of operation.
5. Covid-related special cases for SV residents with children – Up to \$850 for rent and \$400 for utilities can be used from the United Way funds. Essentially this is rolling in the amount that would be available via Fernandez funds while preserving the Fernandez monies that do not expire. However, Fernandez funds may not be used to increase the amount beyond the guidelines.
6. Single Mother's Fund. A friend of Pauline's donates \$400 each December. The funds are available only to single mothers with children. This donor was a single mom and knows the struggle. ("Single Mom" folder in back office with procedures.) Suggested distribution is \$100 per month, but the ultimate decision is the caseworker's. This should be secondary to Covid-available funds.
7. Re-entry Coalition is active and available for Friends released from jail. Marge indicated that per discussion with Annette, efforts are underway to make former prisoners aware of the help available through the Coalition. Blanca is updating the flyer to be available at the Conference to appropriate Friends.

Note was made that the women's shelter is open.

8. CareNet flyer will be updated and Ilona will provide a copy for the Conference office.
9. Home Visits: None
10. Special cases: Amounts available: United Way - \$22,952 rent, \$19,191 utilities
St. Vincent de Paul - \$22,582
11. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: Dotti mentioned a Friend with a John Williams connection who is on the verge of homelessness. Gini offered to intervene with JW on the Friend's behalf to get the information necessary to try and help.
12. Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others: emailed separately

13. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately. It was noted additional caseworkers are needed on Monday and Toni and Francisca volunteered. Wednesday is also light and Ann Lund offered to be on-call to come in.
14. For the good of the order: Next meeting, March 29th, will consist mainly of the safe environment training. The meeting of April 5th will be in-person at Kino Hall. Father Greg will attend and induction of three new Vincentians will take place: Ilona, Jose and Larry.

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

Adjourned: 5:57 p.m.

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