

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 04/05/2021**

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

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

**Induction of new members -**

- Father Greg performed the induction of our new members, Larry Powers, Ilona Powers, and Jose Rosario. From the members, welcome and thank you for taking a vocation with St. Andrews, St. Vincent de Paul.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** ()Read/Approved; Approved with Changes ( ) We did not vote or approve the minutes from the 3-22-2021 meeting. This will be done at the 12 April meeting.

**Attendance: Total Active Members (36); LOA (1) Present (28) Absent (6) Quorum (17)**

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

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Observations of safe environment presentation meeting: Martha thanked everyone for attending. An email was sent to everyone with the presentation. If you did not attend the 29 March meeting via Zoom please view the recorded session. Blanca will have printed copies of the affirmation at the conference. Everyone who attended the 29 March Zoom meeting or views the recorded session, please sign the affirmation and return it to Lupita at the parish office. Blanca will also print, and have available at the conference, the child abuse report form.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Status of Grants - Scotty
  - Matt Mclachlan, Sierra Vista community development director, met with Scotty and discussed our initial proposal for the paving project at the conference. For a project that size the city requires visual improvements and drainage mitigation. That would increase the cost of the project to around \$100,000. Matt recommended we scale the project back to a size no larger than 66x32. This would create five or six new paved parking spots. Stan is getting a new quote from BNR Paving for the revised paving project. Scotty and Pauline will meet with Matt to discuss the revised proposal. The city may contribute \$15,000 to help cover the cost of the revised paving project.
  - Scotty submitted the grant application for the \$5,000 dollar COVID Emergency Relief Fund.
2. Status of New Computers - Al
  - The two new computers are installed but one does not have network connection to Blanca's. If you use the new computers, please use the one with the "ready for use" sign on it.

**New Business:**

1. Upcoming events

- Birthdays in April - Al Melito - 2 April; Scotty - 29 April
  - Conference Communal Mass - Tuesday, 13 April 9:00 a.m.
  - Future Conference Meetings: For the time being we will continue with two zoom meetings per month and two in person meeting per month. Father Greg will coordinate with the parish office for us to continue using Madonna Hall as long as the meetings end by 6:30 p.m.
2. Finance committee report
- In February the store sold around \$38,000. Over the past 5 months sales totaled \$171,000.
  - In March the store sold around \$49,500.
  - Aid to Friends in February was around \$29,000. Over the past 5 months Aid to Friends was around \$157,000. Fewer friends came in March for emergency assistance and food boxes.
  - At the next Face to Face meeting Gini will explain the difference between renters receiving a 5 day notice and actually being evicted. If we have a clearer understanding of the process, it may help us assist friends with understanding their rights as tenants.
3. Thrift Store committee Report
- March sales \$49,495.
  - The Thrift Store staff was thanked for their hard work with donuts and juice.
  - Two bids have been received for the upgraded heating proposal for the store. The bids will be sent to the Finance Committee.
  - A new security camera was installed at the store. Shelly will receive alerts when it is activated.
4. Food Bank committee report
- The March Food Banks stats are not in.
  - Stan applied for the Safeway Grant. He asked for \$50,000 to feed children for the summer. There are fifty-nine school vacation days.
  - The stimulus checks plus tax refunds may be the reason that fewer friends are coming to the conference for assistance.
  - There will be a food bank committee meeting April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at the conference.
5. Special Case Committee:
- Of the initial \$50,000 UW funds the remaining balance for UW Rent is \$20,855 and UW utility is \$18,941.
  - SVdP Special Case funds is at \$21,437 plus the April allotment of 13,000.
  - Ann Lee will be asked if Our Lady of the Mountains has used any of their allotted United Way funds.
6. Poor box report: March \$560.92. \$50 of that was given in appreciation of Cora Collette Stratton's baptism.
7. Home Visits: None
8. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:
- Gerry: A 57 year old friend and her 33 year old son came in wanting a hotel room. They have already been given 3 nights in a short time span. They are not allowed at GNA because of the sons emotional problems and anger issues. They do not own a vehicle so they have no transportation. Gerry recommended they contact SEABHS and Community Partners. Community Partners won't assist because the friends have no permanent address or phone number. They were given bus passes so they could get to the SEABHS office. Sydney Potter previously with GNA is now working at Community Partners. Father Greg recommended contacting Sydney the next time the friends come into the conference. Father Greg will get Sydney's contact information and provide it to the conference.
9. Prayer requests: emailed separately
10. Vincentian Schedule: emailed separately
11. For the good of the order:

- Martha: Very happy to see more Vincentians signing up to work at the conference. Blanca voiced concern with having so many signators on the checking account. Some Vincentians may be removed from the checking account as signators.
- Mary Ellen: Salvation Army was open on Easter Sunday serving lunch. They delivered 100 lunches.
- The 12 April meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

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

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

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