

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 05/03/2021**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg (x) Martha () Other () 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. Pauline seconded. Motion passed.

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34); LOA (1) Present (28) Absent (4) Excused (1) Quorum (17)**

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

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Status of Grants - Scotty/Pauline
  - We are still waiting for a quote from Mr. Fix It for the paving.
  - Stan, Scotty and Pauline met with Bill Goethe to discuss the exit strategy for the parking lot. At this time, there is still no permanent plan for exiting the new planned parking area.
  
2. Up-coming Event - SVDP Communal Mass - Tuesday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.

**New Business:**

1. Upcoming events
  - Birthdays in May: Estella - May 8th; Michael Cammack - May 9th; Mary Skinner - May 16th; Mary Ellen - May 21st; Janet - May 21st
  - Safeway Debit Cards totaling \$1,500 were received from Maury and given to Stan. Stan will use them at Safeway to purchase food for the food bank.
  - Stan applied for a \$55,000 grant from Safeway for the summer program to feed children while school is on break. If the grant is received the funds do not have to be spent at Safeway.
  - One of the churches in Tucson receives birthday bags. The birthday bags contain cake mixes and other items for a birthday celebration. The church receives more than they can use. St. Andrews SVDP will receive about 50 of the birthday gift bags from Maury for distribution.

2. Finance committee report
  - We finished the month of March in the black.
  - Store sales for March were \$49,600
  - The PPP loan was forgiven. Thank you Glenn for the work you did getting the loan and follow up work for getting it forgiven.
3. Thrift Store committee Report
  - Store sales for April were \$44,184
  - The store is receiving a lot of furniture donations.
  - The store is using Facebook to promote the store.
  - Berg's was given a deposit for replacing the heaters at the store. The work will begin at the end of May 2021.
4. Food Bank committee report
  - Food distributed: March 34,000 lbs. April 16,500 lbs.
  - Food Boxes distributed: March 824. April 648
  - Food given to other organizations: March 3,500 lbs. April 2,300 lbs.
  - SVdP Food bank served 500 fewer people from March to April.
  - Frys sales have been good on chicken so, the Food bank has bought a lot of chicken to add to the food boxes.
  - Knights of Columbus are providing pallets of food that remain from the food distribution at Len Roberts park.
  - The Military Intelligence Battalion delivered more food today from the back pack march.
5. Special Case Committee:
  - Legacy: Balance zero
  - United Way Rent: \$16,500 from \$50,000 of the original \$100,000
  - United Way Utility: \$18,750 from \$50,000 of the original \$100,000
  - SVdP Special Case: \$16,375. The planned \$13,000 was not added this month.
  - Reminder: There is a COVID utility fund for special cases. It must be used for Sierra Vista residents.
6. Poor box report: \$248.53
7. Home Visits:
  - Dottie/Jose: Gave a friend, with mental health issues, a ride to SEABHS to pick up medication. Then took the friend home. The friend is not allowed at GNA but he used their stimulus money to rent a hotel room.
  - Ann L/Marge: Gave a friend a ride to GNA so he could drop off his food from the food bank.
8. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:
  - Dennis: Community Partners called SVdP for assistance covering deposits for a friend to move into an apartment. Once the friend is moved in, Community Partners will cover the rent until the friend can get into low income housing. Contact person at Community Partners is Patricia Aldridge 520-603-7154. Community Partners may have funds available to help with rent through the Rapid Housing Initiative. Patricia told Dennis she would stop by SVdP to provide information on their procedures.

- Kathy: Helped a friend with a special case for rent. The friend called to thank Kathy and said "now I can buy food."

9. Prayer requests: emailed separately

10. Vincentian Schedule: emailed separately

11. For the good of the order:

- Pauline: Quote from Father Greg's sermon at daily mass "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with the person the God Man Jesus Christ which gives your life a new horizon and a definite decisive direction."
- Ann L.: Keep Stan's great granddaughter Bridget Rose Leija in prayer for continued growth and health.

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

Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

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