

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 05/17/2021**

**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. Estella seconded. Motion passed.

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34); LOA (0) Present (25) Absent (8) Excused (1) Quorum (17)**

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

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

## **Unfinished Business:**

1. Status of Grants
  - SVdP received the \$6,000 from the Arizona Complete Health and Care First grant. It will be used for utilities.
2. Status of Paving
  - Mr. Fix It said the paving job was too big for them. They were also concerned about the striping.
  - Scotty met with another contractor this past week to discuss paving and exit strategies.
  - Martha read from last week's minutes per Scotty's conversation with the city " The city proposes that our parking paving project, including access and driveway apron (which we would have to pay for in addition to anything over the \$15,000 from the city for the parking paving) all be done at the same time. The city would do the engineering specification and request for bids. This is advantageous to us, from my perspective so, if we can be patient, we will get a better price and will be cooperating with the city."
  - Martha would like for Stan to remove the ropes from the Conference parking lot and allow friends to park in front of the building like they did in the past. The food bank committee meets tomorrow and will discuss ways to open the parking area and still keep friends safe.
3. Allowing friends in building
  - Martha read the current COVID procedures for allowing friends into the building and asked if we want to keep or change the current procedures. Several suggestions were made such as putting chairs outside in the shade, using a smaller table at the front door and putting three chairs in the waiting area for friends to use. Another suggestion was to allow the caseworkers, who work each day, to decide if they are comfortable allowing friends to sit in the waiting area.

- Pauline suggested we ask "Do you have any COVID symptoms." and "Have you been exposed to COVID in the past two weeks."
- During the COVID procedures discussion, difficulty calling SW Gas and using the new SW Gas website was brought up. When you call SW Gas, to find out the amount owed by a friend, you are on hold for an hour or more. You can still do the SW Gas Pledge on line but you need the friends signature. It was decided, you do not need to call SW Gas unless you are trying to prevent a disconnect. For past due amounts just write the check, log the amount in the friends file and make a copy of the bill for Blanca. Pauline will let Blanca know the new procedure for SW Gas.
- Do not bother calling SW GAS as the call wait time is too long and waste of our time.
- The max amount for help is \$250. COVID and non COVID. Check the friends file for past action taken, Discern....and then take action.
- If there is a disconnect, a pledge will be made. The check and a copy of the bill will be mailed to SW GAS. The check number, amount, and account # will be written in friends file.
- A gas bill without a disconnect, make the pledge, after checking friends file for past money paid out.
- HOWEVER, If a special case is needed, submit one. And then all this comes after the fact.
- Regardless.....due to the computer issues with SW GAS, always send the check with a copy of the bill to the company.
- The check number, the amount and account number should be written in friends file.
- If the friend wants to know anything from SW GAS, they can call themselves.

#### 4. USDA Farm to Family Program

- Larry and Bryant, as members of the Knights of Columbus, have been working with Pastor Shawn at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, for the past year, picking up pallets of food in Phoenix and distributing them to local charities that serve the needy in our community. After May 30, 2021, Pastor Shawn's church is no longer going to participate in this program. Larry and Bryant will be working with an organization in Nogales to continue getting the pallets of food.
- Normally the food is distributed from Len Roberts park. Because of liability issues, they may not be able to continue using Len Roberts park as a distribution location. It was suggested that St. Andrews parking lot or the Conference parking lot could be used as the distribution location.
- If the Conference parking lot is used it may require storing the refrigerated items in the conference coolers.
- The food bank committee will discuss how to best assist the KOC in continuing this program.
- Sarah Pacheco resigned from the S.V.City Council. She moved to Hereford. We are not sure what will happen with the Peaches Pantry Charity that Sarah leads.

### New Business:

1. Upcoming events: None discussed.

#### 2. Home Visits:

- Dennis/Norm: Provided food box to Roger and gave him a ride so he could go get a copy of his Marriage License. Roger's wife needed a copy of the certificate so she could look for work.
- Dennis/Mary Ellen: Went to Teresa's and put a security chain on her door.

3. Special cases: UW Rent: \$12,996. UW Utility: \$18,734. SVdPSC: 13,411

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

- Dottie assisted Aaron last week with a special case and got him a room for several nights at Bella Vista hotel. Prior to all the nights being used Aaron checked out of the hotel and went to the hospital for a couple of nights. When he got out of the hospital Bella Vista no longer had any rooms available for him. He stayed in a tent a few nights. He came back to SVdP and requested

we get him a hotel room. We were unable to get a room because Bella Vista is still booked full and had no rooms available and the Homeless fund had around \$25 left. Aaron became angry and left. Martha will check with management at Bella Vista about getting a refund of the money paid for the unused nights. It will probably be a credit for nights instead of a refund of the money.

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:

- Please keep Kathy Calabrese in prayer. She is home from the hospital after having surgery.
- Finance Committee Meeting: 21 May 2021 Madonna Hall
- Food Bank Committee Meeting: 18 May 2021 at Food Bank
- Board Meeting: 25 May 2021 Madonna Hall

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

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

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