

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 05/24/2021

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?

Prior to the Spiritual Reading, Martha read the Thank You card from Ann Lee. Ann was very gracious and appreciative of the gift basket that we presented to her.

Also, Al discussed a new signature form that will be used when making SW Gas Pledges. SW Gas now requires us to get the friend's signature when accessing their SW gas account. There is a question on the SW Gas website "Do you have the customers signature on file". You are required to check the check box indicating you have the customers signature on file. Al went over the new form that will be used for getting the friend's signature when accessing their SW Gas account. The form will be at the front desk with Blanca.

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 approve the minutes. Francisca seconded. Motion passed.

Attendance: Total Active Members (33); LOA (0) Present (19) Absent (13) Excused (1) Quorum (16)

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

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Status of Grants - Scotty/Pauline
 - Correction: SVdP has not received the \$6,000.00 from the Arizona Complete Health and Care First grant. We are still waiting on those funds.
 - The \$5000.00 Legacy Emergency COVID Relief grant funds have been used. Scotty will submit the final report on those funds.
 - Scotty will apply for another Legacy Grant.
2. Results of Bella Vista Talk with Manager - Martha
 - Martha spoke with Dawn, the Bella Vista Motel manager, about a refund of the Special Case funds paid for Aaron to have a room for a week. Aaron did not stay at the hotel, even one night, so the hotel cancelled his reservation. Bella Vista had given SVdP a special rate for the week. Dawn was very nice discussing the situation and refunded all but one night of the charges. After this situation with Aaron, she will not accept him at the hotel any longer. Blanca will update Aaron's file. The refund will go back into the COVID Special Case fund.
3. Report USDA Farm to Family Program
 - Pauline was unable to attend the meeting. Mary read Pauline's update on the Farm to Family program.
 1. The last day for food box distribution at the Len Roberts Park will be this Saturday, May

- 29, 2021. Do not hand out any fliers after this Friday.
2. Larry Powers, and Bryant Sayers are working on a point of connection to obtain food boxes.
 3. Pauline has been in touch with St Vincent de Paul in Bisbee as well as our Lady of the mountains. Also a point of contact has been made with the Bisbee coalition for the homeless. On average the Bisbee St Vincent de Paul distributes 30 food boxes a week. On average the Bisbee Coalition For The Homeless distributes up to 200 boxes a week. Pauline is going to communicate further with our Lady of the mountains St Vincent de Paul. Francisca has been in touch with father Marco in Douglas. Again we are checking where the need is.
 4. Stan is planning on providing weekly food boxes for families with children over the summer. We are trying to coordinate with Sarah Pacheco who is moved out of Sierra Vista to the Herford area and find out if peaches pantry is still operating.
 5. The bottom line is we will not get food boxes to distribute unless we have a definite place for the need. We certainly do not want anything going to waste. The plan is to set one day a week and time for people to pick up from our food bank. We will see how this pans out. For now we are just coordinating.
 6. Larry and Bryant will provide more information soon.
 7. On average we can receive up to four or 500 boxes weekly from a center in NogalesAZ. The main difference is that we may not get all the dairy products included.
- Glenn worked diligently trying to get milk vouchers, but because of the convoluted bureaucratic process he is unable to get the milk vouchers. We will come up with a different way to provide milk to our friends.
 - Stan did not get the Safeway grant for the summer food program but still has a plan for providing food weekly, throughout the summer, to families with children.
4. Board meets tomorrow, May 25th at 9:45 a.m. in Madonna Hall.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events:

- Conference, Store, Food Bank Closures on May 31, Memorial Day
- No meeting Monday night, May 31st. Happy Memorial Day!
- Committee Reports due at June 7th meeting.

2. Home Visits:

- Gloria checked on Teresa and took her a dresser.
- Larry worked with a couple that needs to move because their rent increased 40%. Larry is helping them move Saturday 29 May. Some of the Knights are going to help. If you would like to help contact Larry for details.
- Jose is giving an elderly man a ride to Tucson so he can get a needed surgery. Larry worked with the elderly friend at SVdP.

3. Special cases:

- UW Rent: \$8,786. UW Utility: \$16,974. SVdP S.C: \$10,239 This is remaining from \$50,000 of the \$100,000.
- Blanca called Anthony at United Way. OLM is not using the funds. Per Anthony there is \$74,000 left for rent and \$37,000 for Utilities. The finance committee discussed ways for using more of the United Way funds. Gini will discuss those ideas with the Board at tomorrow's Board meeting.
- All United Way funds must be used by 30 September, 2021.
- Any United Way special cases in September will be reimbursed in October.
- If a friend is a Sierra Vista resident and their case has a COVID connection use UW Utility funds instead of SVdP utility funds. Also, if using UW utility funds DO NOT log it in the SVdP Utility funds log book.

4. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: None

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:

- Jose: The homeless fund is down to \$25.00. The finance committee discussed some options for increasing the funds allotted to the homeless fund. Gini will discuss the options with the Board, at tomorrow's Board meeting.
- The homeless backpacks are for friends who are actually living on the street. They are not for friends who are in shelters, hotels or sleeping on a friends couch. If they are in shelters, hotels or sleeping on a friends couch give them Thrift Store vouchers.
- We are out of tents and sleeping bags and if possible need to purchase some to have available for homeless friends.
- Gini: We need to use the United Way Funds, so be thorough when getting the details of a friends situation and look for anything that might be COVID related such as
 1. Anyone with Vaccine side effects that missed work or couldn't look for work.
 2. A friend suffers from Valley Fever. His doctor said COVID could be deadly to him. He is vaccinated but his doctor won't release him for work. That is the COVID connection.
 3. A friend needed help with rent. She sells insurance. She is not selling as much insurance as she used to because of COVID. That is the COVID connection.
 4. A friend working for Mr Fix It isn't getting as many hours as he used to because of COVID. That is the COVID connection.

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

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

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