

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 06/21/21

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 () Martha (x) Other ()

Who are you??!!

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (x) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes () Gloria made a motion to approve the minutes. George seconded. Motion passed.

Attendance: Total Active Members (33); LOA (0) Present (21) Absent (11) Excused (1) Quorum (16)

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

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Cash Register for Store
 - There are two-parts to this situation.
 - The cash register requires Internet and interfaces with the credit card system - a separate device through World Pay -- which is on dial-up (requiring a telephone line).
 - World Pay is upgrading to Internet for privacy issues because dial-up is less secure; they are providing a new device.
 - We are waiting for the device to arrive to determine #1 if it still requires a dedicated phone-line and #2 whether it will interface with the cash register. If it is compatible with the World Pay system, we can go ahead with the purchase of the second register.

2. Prospective Member, Megan
 - Martha met with Megan to discuss joining the SVdP Society. At this time, Megan is very busy with her baby and will not pursue becoming a Vincentian.

3. Status of Grant Applications
 - Scotty will submit an application for another Legacy Grant. The Sierra Vista Herald reported that the upcoming Legacy Foundation Grants will not require a COVID connection.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events:

- The new Conference procedures allowing friends into the waiting area and working with friends in the back offices are working well.
- When you are working, please keep the toiletries somewhere in the back instead of in the waiting area.

2. Home Visits:

- Gloria checked on Teresa B. and she is doing well and enjoying her apartment.
- Francisca and her husband delivered a food box to Regina and the family. The husband is laid off. They do not receive food stamps. They have four children.
- Jose took Bryant to the hospital last Thursday for back surgery. Please keep Bryant in your prayers.
- Dottie and Jose took Rebecca a food box.

3. Special cases:

- UW Rent: \$41,409.
- UW Utilities: \$39,770. Still need to subtract any UW Utility funds used that did not fall under the UW Utility Special Cases.
- SVdPSC: \$2,936. \$800 of this balance will be returned to the United Way Rent fund to cover a UW Rent special case that was submitted and approved but did not meet the UW Special Case Rent criteria. The friend lived in Huachuca City instead of Sierra Vista.
- The monthly allotted \$13,000 SVdPSC funds were not needed during May and June. Those funds are still available. \$10,000 of those funds will be added to the SVdP SC fund.
- Homeless Fund: Check with GNA about hotel vouchers. If they have the funds they will give up to three nights at Knights Inn. The SVdP Homeless Fund guideline is two nights in a hotel. In certain circumstances, more nights have been given on a case by case basis. This is discerned by the Vincentian working the case.
- Special Cases for Hotels: SVdP Special Case funds are allowed to be used for extended stays at hotels. If a friend needs an extended stay, the Vincentian working the case must submit a Special Case for Rent and send it to the Special Case Committee. Gini will ask Blanca to check with Anthony about United Way Rent funds being used for hotel stays.

4. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Francisca met with a friend who needed shelter. Her mother died and her step father kicked her out of the house. She never needed assistance previously so it was difficult for her to ask for help. She was doubting the existence of God. Francisca was able to answer her questions and spoke with her about St. Andrews. Francisca also provided her a rosary.

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:
- The June 28th Conference meeting will be at Madonna Hall. Mary will be out of town so we need someone to volunteer to take the minutes.
 - Larry will look into the Nogales Food distribution and provide an update at a later date.
 - Kathy spoke with Bella Vista Hotel personnel and they are at 80% capacity with long term residents. Every morning people are waiting outside to see if they can get a room. The situation may get worse because the "Do Not Evict" order expires June 30, 2021.
 - The Sierra Vista Better Bucks program is slotted to start October 1, 2021. The Better Bucks program will help those experiencing homelessness with the purchase of essential items, using Better Bucks instead of cash. Better Bucks may only be used to purchase food, toiletries and other essentials. Sierra Vista residents will be able to purchase Better Bucks coupon books and give them to the homeless or panhandlers instead of giving them cash.
 - Ann Lee: OLM is open but have only seen a few friends. There are 2 or 3 friends per week seeking assistance. OLM used around \$500 of the allotted UW Rent funds.

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

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

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