

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 07/19/2021

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Martha () Pauline (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: () Read/Approved; Approved with Changes () Did not have a quorum.

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

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

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Status of Grant Applications
 - The \$5,000 from the COVID Recovery Legacy Grant was received. Scotty wrote the grant request in a way that allows the funds to be used for other necessities in addition to rent and utilities. The funds can be used for any of our friends. They do not have to be Sierra Vista residents. The funds must be used by September 31, 2021.
2. Status of Thrift Store Floor
 - Tile Master Works finished fixing the Thrift Store floor. The final cost was \$3,000. Manny felt very bad that the floor buckled and had to be repaired. The rubber molding that was along the bottom of the walls was removed to repair the floor and now it is missing. It can't be found.
3. Homeless Hotel Fund Resolution
 - The homeless fund balance each month is \$160 from SVdP and \$300 from an anonymous donor for a total of \$460. Two night hotel stays are allowed from the homeless funds. If friends need more than two nights submit a special case.
 - Scotty emailed a document on "Maximizing Federal Assistance to Fight Poverty". It has links that highlight the assistance that is available to help our friends. He thinks there may be a link pertaining to hotel stays. He is going through the links trying to find more assistance for our friends. He ask, if you have time, please go through the links looking for ways we can further assist our friends. The flyer will be included in the email with this weeks minutes.
 - Faith Presbyterian church, again, gave Joann backpacks and funds to supply the backpacks for our homeless friends.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events:

- A motion was made, seconded and approved by Board Members to replace the driveway gate at the Thrift Store. An Anonymous donation will cover the down payment for the gate.

2. Home Visits: None

3. Special cases:

- UW Rent \$20,972.
- UW utilities: \$14991.
- SVdP Special Case fund: \$13,719. \$20,000 was added in July.

4. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Marge: Janet and Al were working with Charles who is homeless. He was looking for a place to get out of the weather and GNA was full. The Bisbee Shelter for Men had space for him. Marge and Steve drove Charles to Bisbee. Charles was a very sweet man and very appreciative for the support provided to him. Marge was very impressed with the shelter and the personnel who run the shelter.
- Pauline: A friend Earl came in needing a hotel room. It was his third time in needing assistance. He suffers from COPD. St. Andrews donated \$200 and a special case was approved for \$180. That covered a week for him at a hotel. Today is his last day in the hotel. There was confusion with Bella Vista Hotel as to whether or not he is on their "Do Not Rent" list. From a previous write up in his file, a Caring Bridges case worker was working to get him to Tucson for assistance but that did not happen.

5. Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others:

- Deacon George fell today and is at the hospital. Please keep him and Martha in your prayers.

6. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately

7. For the good of the order:

- Welcome to Pat Gorecki who is a new member in training.
- Cochise County Superintendent Jacqui Clay opened NewCrossroadsAcademy on June 25. The school is for students 16-22 years of age who have been out of school for 30 days or more. They are an accredited school and students can get their high school diploma. Jose is going to contact Jacqui about the school and get more details.
- A lot of Vincentians are on vacation so we are short handed at the conference. Sign up for additional hours if you can.
- The Thrift Store is averaging \$14,000 weekly.

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

Adjourned: 5:35 pm

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