

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 07/26/2021

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg (x) Martha () Pauline () 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 () Pauline (x) Other ()

Who are you??!!

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (x) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes ()

7/12/2021 and 7/19/2021: Larry made a motion to approve the minutes. Scotty seconded. Motion passed.

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

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

- Scotty spoke with Becky Smith with the Legacy Foundation. She had several questions such as "What changes did we make during COVID to remain open? How did we keep our programs up and running? How and what are we planning to meet the future needs of our friends?"
- Scotty included wording in the Legacy grant application that should justify our use of the "COVID recovery funds" for things other than rent and utilities, but, to be safe, please use them for rents and utilities as much as possible. Please track amounts, # of households, and # of individuals helped as you have been doing for these funds.
- The United Way funds must be used up by September 31, 2021. Anthony with United Way will keep us informed if any additional funds become available.
- South Eastern Arizona Government Organization (SEAGO) has funds available for rent and utility. Be sure to inform our friends about this agency. Also, DES has assistance available. If you find any other information about rent, mortgage or utility assistance email the information to Scotty.

2. Thrift Store Gate

- The signs stating "This is not SVdP property" were installed, in front of the open field, adjacent to the store.
- The board approved the purchase of a new wrought iron gate to replace the existing gate at the donation area.
- Furniture vouchers are for emergencies only and should be written for the minimal necessities needed. Blanca added a statement to the voucher that "delivery is not included with the voucher."
- The store does not have back packs with school supplies for children.

New Business:

1. Upcoming Events

- **Food Bank:** There is no Food Bank meeting this month. There is a leak in the Food Bank roof. Bergs recommended calling in a roofer.
- **Toiletries:** Do not put detergent in the toiletry bags. Give out only when a friend requests detergent. If you have time, while at the conference, please put together toiletry bags and put them in the cart. Pauline received a large donation of hotel shampoos, lotions and conditioners. We have a lot of hand sanitizer. Please give it out to our friends.
- **Ministry Sunday:** The Parish picnic is September 12, 2021. There will be a ministry fair. SVdP will have a table showcasing how we serve our friends in need. We will need Vincentians working at the ministry fair.
- **Holiday Meals:** Grocery prices are sky rocketing. Pauline will ask Zena to post on our Face Book page that we can accept food donations now in preparation for the holiday meals.
- **Ozanam Training:** September 11, 2021 in Tucson. Location still to be determined. District 5, which consist of Cochise, Graham and Greely counties, may hold their own training session so that Vincentians, living in those counties, don't have to travel to Tucson for training.

2. Home Visits: None

3. Special cases:

- Legacy Grant: \$4,050
- SVdP Special Case: \$12,868
- United Way Rent: \$17,171
- United Way Utility: \$14,750

4. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases

- Dottie: A friend applied for utility assistance through DES ERAP. She received a message on her phone saying she was approved. She was unable to get a letter from DES to provide to SSVEC. She was frustrated and unsure how the funds get from DES to SSVEC.

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

- Please keep Deacon George and Martha in your prayers.

6. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately

7. For the good of the order:

- Mary Ellen Lewis donated a 1998 Mercury Marquis to the Thrift Store. One of the store employees, who had been saving for a car, purchased the vehicle.

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

Adjourned: 5:35 pm

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