

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 08/09/2021

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg (x) Martha () 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 approve the minutes. Jose seconded. Motion passed.

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

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

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

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

1. Upcoming events:

- Food Bank Roof: Brenner Roofing came by the food bank and looked at the ceiling and noted the problem and are going to replace damaged acoustic tiles as well as fix the leak problem. Stan asked how much it will cost? Brenner Roofing said they would do the work at no cost to SVdP.
- Salvation Army Commodities: Pauline spoke with Mary Mueller at Salvation Army. They do not verify a person's income. It is on a trust basis. Give our friends the commodity information. They can fill out the application the first time they go to get food. It is open the first two Tuesdays of the month at the Salvation Army parking lot.
- Salvation Army: 1200 Club is meeting on August 20, 2021 at Pueblo del Sol Country Club. This is a meeting for conservative as well as independent voters who are interested in different topics. Ty and Heather Baze from the Salvation Army will be speaking. If you are interested in attending, the tickets are \$25 each for a dinner and an evening that would be informative. Social hour is 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner start at 6:30 p.m. Casual Nice attire.
- Pauline is going to ask Ty and Heather Baze to attend a conference meeting to discuss Salvation Army and what services they provide. They do have some utility money but have depleted their COVID rent funds.
- New Crossroads Academy: Jacqui Clay is the Cochise County Supervisor for schools, and as

mentioned last week, she set up the program called NewCrossroadsAcademy. She will be speaking at our August 16th meeting. She will be able to answer any questions during the Monday August 16th meeting.

- Vincentian Case Log: When working the front desk, be thorough filling out the case log, especially column two, "# of people in household." We use those numbers for end of year reports. Also, if you do any Home Visits or other work, outside of conference hours, log the hours and miles on the back of the Case Log.
- New Friends: If new friends come to the conference have them fill out the paperwork. If you do not know how to start a new friend file, on the computer, give the paperwork to Blanca or put it in Francisca's office box. One of them will enter the information in the computer.
- Food Boxes: Gently remind our friends that food boxes are once a month unless it is a desperate situation. The weekly snacks and drinks were for families with children, during the summer, while school was on break. Now that school has started, the weekly distributions have ended. Remember, you can also refer our friends to Salvation Army for commodities and their lunch program.
- Homeless Fund Folder: The Homeless Fund folder was missing from the back office. It was found in a desk draw in one of the other offices. Please leave the folders in the back office so everyone can find them and log the necessary information.
- Ozanam training is September 25, 2021 at St Patrick Catholic Church, BisbeeAZ, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For more information see attached flyer. All new and in training Vincentians are required to attend Ozanam training. Even if you logged in for the Ozanam Zoom orientation/training, you are still required to attend in person training.
- July Food Bank Report:
 1. Dollars spent on food purchases: \$24,610.
 2. Dollars received as donations: \$6,675.
 3. Number of friend boxes: 785
 4. Number of friends served: 2529
 5. Average weight of food box: 37 lbs.

2. Home Visits: None

3. Special cases: No report

4. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Pauline assisted a friend who has three dogs and rents a room in a house. Pauline was concerned about her situation and felt we should emphasize doing more home visits to determine our friends situations and determine if they need further assistance. Never go alone on a home visit.
- Larry assisted a young man 23 years old and homeless. He moved here from Washington and things did not go well for him. He was very down and frustrated with himself. Larry helped him make a call home to his mother. Larry and Ilona are taking him to Benson so he can catch a bus back to Washington state to be with his family.
- Kathy: A friend needed a room at a hotel. There are no rooms available right now. GNA uses Knights Inn, Bella Vista and Rodeway Inn. Currently they are all full. Dennis reported that a big graduation is taking place on FortHuachuca and family members are in town for the graduation. Once the graduation is over, the situation may improve.
- Pauline assisted a friend with rent at Diamond Elite apartments. They are nice apartments and the manager Rhonda is very nice.
- Dennis/Ann: A friend and his ex wife came for medical bill assistance. He worked in Las Vegas and had a stroke. He did not have Medicare part B so he has a lot of medical bills. They tried to get him an appointment with Dr. Knapp but was unable to do so because of possible liability issues for the doctor's office. They recommended he go to the Emergency Room. Later they

were given information about Chiricahua Community Health Centers on Wilcox and Calle Portal. They have government grants to handle cases similar to his situation.

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

6. Vincentian Schedule: emailed separately

7. For the good of the order:

- Vincentian Mass August 10th 9:00 a.m.
- Finance Meeting August 20th Madonna Hall
- Board Meeting August 24th Martha's house.
- Thrift Store Meeting August 17th
- SVdP received a \$40,000 donation from the Thomas Kennedy Trust Fund.
- SVdP received a \$6,000 check. It may be the funds from the Arizona Complete Health and Care First grant.
- Ann L. Try, try, try to find the COVID connection when submitting special cases.

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

Adjourned: 6:00 pm

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