

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 8/16/2021

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Martha () Other (X) Ann Lund Time: 5:00 pm

Spiritual Reading: Fr. Greg () Margaret (x)Other ()

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (33); LOA (0) Present (25) Absent (8) Excused () Quorum (16)

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

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Jacqui Clay -- After reviewing her credentials and the role of her position as Superintendent of Schools for Cochise County, Ms. Clay made a presentation on the newly-formed Dropout Recovery Accommodation program which has been named “New Crossroads Academy.” She advised it is a program to help high-school drops-outs between the ages of 18 and 22 achieve a high school diploma or GED and possibly go on to technical training. This is accomplished through on-line classes (three hours per day are required) and individual contact/mentoring to help students through the process. The program is supported by all factions of the education system in the County. It also has the support of partners including Cochise College and UofA Cooperative Extension.

In addition to on-line assistance, there are currently resource centers in Sierra Vista and Bisbee (at the jail and detention center) where students can access assistance with classes. The program needs other locations which would serve as satellite campuses, where a quiet, safe environment can be provided – particularly for students who may not have that in their homes. Jacqui suggested St. Vincent de Paul consider establishing such a relationship.

Also present and introduced at the meeting were Nikki Madden, Deputy Superintendent; Ben Reyna, Principal; Alicia Buckhanan, Lead Teacher; and Ibrahim Aslam, Tutor. Copies of the presentation Power Point slides were provided to those present. Jacqui requested input via a survey link also provided.

2. Status of Grants. Scotty had nothing new to report.

3. Contact with Brenner Roofing. To date the company, which has offered its services at no charge, has

not made contact at the Conference.

New Business:

1. Home Visits: Janet and Al brought a food box to a Friend staying at Bella Vista.
2. Special Cases: Jerry reported the following fund balances:
 - United Way Rent: \$7, 964 (less anything distributed by OLM)
 - United Way Utilities: \$14,400 (less anything distributed by OLM)
 - SVdP Funds: \$4,679
 - Legacy Grant: \$39.42
3. Difficult or touching cases:
 - Toni shared the case of a Friend with dementia who had come to the Conference looking for a wide variety of help. Unfortunately, she did not have the information needed to get her help and she became very difficult. This went on past closing. Eventually her Telecare caseworker arrived and she ultimately left with her.
 - It was noted that Larry had helped a Friend (recently housed at GNA with her children) who came to the Conference for a food box, to complete the application for housing assistance. It was suggested this would be a nice thing to do, time permitting.
4. Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others: Emailed separately
5. Vincentian Schedule: Emailed separately
6. For the good of the order:
 - Homeless Funds are to be used for one or two nights at a hotel; OK to go into the negative if necessary. However, for a longer stay, a Special Case must be submitted.
 - SNAP funds have recently been increased by \$36 per person
 - Thrift Store Committee meeting 8/17
 - Finance Committee meeting 8/20
 - Jose recognized the work of Dennis and Norm in replacing the ceiling tiles in the workroom at the Thrift Store. (Jose was part of that effort.)
 - Bryant announced that Norm Guffey had been selected “Knight of the Month” by the Salpointe Council for his significant contributions in the community, including through the Society. Congratulations and affirmation of applause were offered to Norm for his dedicated support.
 - Bryant invited all to “Family Prayer Night,” to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Columbian Hall. This will be a potluck, and is designed to foster unity in the parish. Everyone is invited to attend.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Greg () Martha () Other (X) Ann Lund

Adjourned: 6:15 pm

Recorder: Mary (Secretary) () Other - (X) Mary Ellen