

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 09/13/2021

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Pauline (x) Other () Time: 5:00 pm

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

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (33); LOA (0) Present (22) Absent (11) Excused (0) Quorum (16)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

1. The Knights of Columbus present statues to Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. Bryant Sayers presented Scotty a statue for Knight of the Month and presented Ann Lund a statue for Family of the Month for August. Norm was Knight of the Month in July. Congratulations to Scotty, Ann L. and Norm.

2. Shelly provided refresher training on the store vouchers. Vouchers can be used Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vouchers are good for 30 days.
 - **Clothing Vouchers:**
 1. After discussion with a friend, to determine their needs, the case worker must annotate the number of clothing items being requested for the friend. Do not leave this column blank. The store cashier will annotate and track how many clothing items the friend picks up during the 30 day period.
 - **Furniture Voucher:**
 2. Base the requested furniture items on the size of the household. Each person in a household gets a full set of eating utensils, plates, a cup, and a drinking glass. In addition, the family also receives cooking utensils such as spatula, sharp knife etc.
 3. Dressers, chest of drawers, night stands, end tables, and book cases can all be used for several purposes so a family does not necessarily need everyone of these items. Select only what is necessary for them.
 4. The furniture available on the voucher program is outside at the back of the store. Let your friends know that the furniture on the store floor is not available on the voucher program.
 5. If at all possible, the friend needs to find someone, such as a family member or a friend to help them get the furniture from the store to their location. Free delivery is available but only as a last option. Delivery is to first floor only.

Unfinished Business:

1. Status of Grant Applications - Nothing to report.
2. Ozanam Training is September 25th, at St. Patrick Church in Bisbee from 8a.m. to 3 p.m. Pat Gorecki, Ann Faust, Marianne McWilliams, Francisca Jacobo, Dennis Wilker and Jose Del Rosario are attending. If anyone else plans to attend please inform Pauline.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events
 - Thank you for volunteering at the ministry fair. Four people signed up as interested in hearing more about SVdP.
 - **Walk for the Poor** is Saturday, September 25th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We encourage everyone to come and take the slow one mile walk from the church to SVdP Conference on Bartow. ALL SAINTS students might be joining us too. The Knights will do the pulpit calls and Vincentians will stay after mass for 10 minutes to hand out the grocery bags with the flier attached. Vincentians handing out the bags at this weekend's Masses are listed below:
 - Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass: Pauline, Pat, Larry and Ilona
 - Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass: Mary, Scotty, Janet
 - Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass: Pauline, Margaret
 - Sunday 12:00 p.m. Mass: Gloria, Francisca, Jose, Ann L.
 - Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass: Teens
 - Bryant will be doing pulpit announcement at Good Sheppard and hand out the bags. He also gave some out at the Knights of Columbus meeting.
2. Pauline brought in a new, wall hanging, file folder organizer to use at the Conference to clear off the greeter table. Since it is attached to the wall, please be careful when removing items. Please look it over and familiarize yourselves with what folders are included.
3. The \$1000 check for September to St. Andrews was returned to the Conference. So effective immediately we will not call St. Andrews for any funds unless it's an extreme emergency. The Finance Committee meets September 22nd and Gini will present the new distribution of available funds at the September 27th conference meeting. At that time, she will explain why we are no longer sending \$1,000 to St Andrews parish.
4. Karen Harper provided a lot of t-shirts and underwear for our friends. Joanne will use some of them to stuff the backpacks and you can give them out to our friends. Do not give a full pack to a friend. Break them up into smaller packs by size. They cannot be sold but we can give some to Shelly to use as clothing items for the clothing vouchers. Also, there are hundreds of feminine products from a man who had a store in Montana and donated the items to us. He even provided shopping carts for the foodbank along with deodorant and other items.
5. Joann attended a Hawaiian themed Blessing of the Backpacks at Faith Presbyterian Church in remembrance of Pastor Virginia. They provided 79 backpack and a check for over \$700 to purchase additional items for the backpacks.
6. The Salvation Army will give a presentation at the conference meeting on Monday September 20th.
7. Ron Cottet's Memorial service is September 25th, at 4:00 p.m. at the TompkinsPark on 7th Street and Buffalo Soldier at Ramada 7. Pauline read Ron's Obituary. It is in the Sierra Vista Herald.

- 8. **Finance committee report:** No report. Finance Committee will meet Wednesday September 22nd. Gini will present the new distribution of available funds at the September 27th conference meeting.
- 9. **Thrift Store committee report:** August Sales: \$39,562. September sales so far \$15,243
- 10. **Food Bank committee report:**

SUMMARY FOR AUGUST	
TOTAL ON HAND FOR JULY	18,917
TOTAL ON HAND FOR AUGUST	16,901
TOTAL LBS DONATED IN	20,621
TOTAL LBS DONATED OUT	2,152
TOTAL LBS PURCHASED	8,318
DOLLARS SPENT ON FOOD PURCHASES	\$14,948.00
TOTAL POUNDS GIVEN TO CLIENTS	28,803
DOLLARS REC'D AS DONATIONS *	\$12,139.00
NUMBER OF CLIENT BOXES	806
NUMBER OF PEOPLED SERVED	2,670
NUMBER OF ADULTS	1,451
NUMBER OF CHILDREN	1,219
AVERAGE BOX SIZE	3.00
AVERAGE BOX WEIGHT	35.0

Larry shopped with Stan at Fry's and the Depot where Stan get the food bank bread products. Larry stated there are a lot of moving parts to running the food bank. Larry is coordinating with Stan to create an SOP for the food bank and it's employees.

- 11. **Special Case Committee:**
 - ▣ United Way: \$7,565. Still need to subtract COVID Utility funds spent that did not go to the Special Case committee.
 - ▣ SVdP Special Case: \$5,388. This includes the \$13,000 infusion that occurred on September 1st.
 - ▣ SVdP did receive the \$40,000 from the Tom Kennedy Foundation.
- 12. **Poor box report:** \$246.88
- 13. **Home Visits:** None
- 14. **Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**
 - ▣ Ann L. A friend came in needing utility assistance. She shared that she had recently attended her 2 year old granddaughters funeral. Two more friends came in today and one mentioned a father's

funeral and one mentioned a son's funerals. It was suggested that we use the sympathy cards at the front and mail them to our friends in these types of situations. Their address is in their file and Blanca can provide a stamp.

- Ann F. A couple came in needing assistance. She is an artist and used money she made at Art and Craft Events as income. Since COVID those events have been cancelled and their income was drastically decreased. They are struggling. Ann prayed with them.
- Pauline: A friend with two girls ages 6 and 8 years needed assistance. The girls asked about the pretty necklaces (rosaries). Pauline was able to talk with them about the Blessed Mother and how to pray the rosary. They were very excited to hear about the Blessed Mother.

15. **Prayer requests:** emailed separately

16. **Vincentian Schedule:** emailed separately

17. **For the good of the order:**

- Communal Mass is September 14th at 9:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Greg () Pauline () Other ()

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

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