

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 04 OCTOBER 2021

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () 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 ()

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (35); LOA (1) Present () Absent () Excused (1) Quorum (17)

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

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

Unfinished Business:

- Turkey Box sign up:** We need one person at the outside table each day for sign ups. We are currently signing up families with four or more. If smaller families come to sign up take their name and contact number and let them know it is not a guarantee that we will have the small dinners for them. Refer them to Salvation Army for their Thanksgiving Dinner. Stan and Larry are brain storming to come up with a way to help smaller families. If they come up with a way to provide boxes for our smaller families we will call the families and let them know we have the dinners available. Otherwise, this year, smaller families will go to Salvation Army for Thanksgiving dinner.

New Business:

- Pauline recommends when talking with our friends, who need help with financial issues, we let them know that "as of the beginning of the new fiscal year our funds have been drastically reduced but we will do all we can to help them meet their needs".
- Deposits on Utilities and Rent.**
 - Deposits on move in cost for apartments are the responsibility of the friend. SVdP will help with the rent portion but will not cover deposits.
 - SVdP will not pay the almost \$300 to establish standard SSVEC accounts. We will cover prepay accounts. The amount needed for SSVEC prepay is \$85 and cannot be paid until after the friend sets up an account.
 - If you feel it is absolutely necessary to pay a rent deposit or set up an electric account other than prepay, submit a special case.
 - If friends are on Access they qualify for a free phone. If they have an existing phone, they are paying for, SVdP will assist with one month of phone service. Let the friend know that no

further monetary assistance will be provided for their phone. Give them information for the free phone program. Annotate in the file, that you let them know, there would be no further phone assistance.

4. **Hotel Stays.** After you call GNA, these are the hotel we use and the cost. Always ask if the friend is on the DNR list.
 - Bella Vista Motel 520-458-6737 regular room \$48.25/ \$53.90 with pets 1 only and 10 lbs or less = \$5 daily and we do not pay the \$5 pet fee. If they show with a pet, they are evicted and no refund. If we pay and they are a no show we get no refund. If they have more people in the room than what they said, they get evicted, and no refund.
 - Blue Horizon (520) 458-7820 and they charge us a \$30 deposit
 - Mangusun Hotel 520-458-4303 \$65+tax/single queen, \$75+tax/single king. Only accepts credit cards.
 - Knights Inn 520-459-5035 still no AC and they sign a waiver technically closed. Walk Ins Only Single \$69.99/ King \$78.07. People staying here must sign a waiver stating they have been told there is no air conditioning.
 - Sierra Inn (this was Days Inn) 520-685-3417. Single \$67. 2 Queen beds \$78.39. The rates are going up but they told Pauline they would give us the current rate. Credit card only.
 - Roadway Inn (520)335-2198 1 bed=\$79.44 + tax / 2 beds \$84.44 +tax
 - If you help a friend with a room, call the next day and see if they showed up and used the room. If they were a no show, annotate in the friends file that they were a no show.
 - This information will be available at the Conference, so you can reference it, when booking a room for a friend.
 - We do not pay pet deposits at hotels.

5. **Fundraiser idea:** Jose presented an idea that he and Gloria have for fund raising. He makes rosaries and Gloria paints. They want to sell raffle tickets after Masses and also have Vincentians sell tickets to family and friends for a drawing for the rosaries and paintings. Pauline will run the idea by the church office.

6. **Bulletin and Facebook requests:** We are going to ask for new or slightly used sleeping bags and tents in the church bulletin and on our Facebook page. Pauline will make a flier and send to everyone. If you use Facebook mention it on your Facebook page.

7. **Thrift Store meeting:** The last meeting was a combined September/October meeting.

8. **Foodbank meeting** will be Tuesday October 5th, 11:00 a.m. at the Conference.

9. **Finance meeting:** October 15th, 10:00 a.m.

10. **Board meeting:** October 26th, 10:00 a.m. Madonna Hall.

11. **Father of Lights Festival:** It is Sunday October 31st from 6-8 pm at Len Roberts Park. Volunteer sign up will be Monday October 18th and 25th during our conference meetings.

12. **Better Bucks:** They were being sold at Art in the Park. Pauline met Sydney Potter who is a member on the Board of Directors for Better Bucks and also in charge of the Rapid Rental program at Community Partners.

13. **Home Visits:** None

14. **Special cases:** \$4084 for month of October

15. **Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**

- Mary: Friend Amber, who has a six year old daughter, lost her job at Olive Garden during COVID. She was hired at Arby's but is not getting many hours. She has a second job at Texas Roadhouse but is not on the schedule for the next 3 weeks. She is asking them for more hours. She is behind on her utilities and rent. Her family lives on the reservation and can't provide any help. She and her daughter need furnishings for their apartment. Her food stamps were stopped last month. She called DES to get them reinstated. After waiting four hours on the phone with DES the call was dropped. I submitted a Special Case for rent assistance, applied funds to her SSVEC prepay account and am helping her submit a SW Gas grant application. I will give her a voucher for furnishing and waive the delivery fee. She continued to say "no, you have done enough, I don't want to ask for more". She is really trying but can't seem to get ahead after losing the job at Olive Garden during COVID. If you have any ideas, on additional ways to help her, let me know.

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

17. **Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately

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

- When assisting a friend, start a new line in their file and annotate it with *******Fiscal Year 2022******* Enter new information below that line. On the table at the top of the form, where we log assistance provided such as electric, gas, food boxes, insert a new line and annotate FY22. The Fiscal year runs October to September. Calculate assistance provided and remaining balances using the fiscal year 2022. Any assistance provided prior to October 2021 does not get included in the calculation. Do this for every friends file, even if they are only picking up food boxes.
- The new Safe Training takes 1-2 hours to complete. Once you start the training, do not stop and try to finish at a later time. It does not track where you stopped. It makes you start at the beginning every time. The training must be completed by October 31.
- We are closed Columbus Day October 11th.
- Pauline is out of town October 9-23. Ann Lund will be the acting president.

19. **Closing Prayer:** Fr. Greg () Pauline (x) Other ()

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

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