

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 11/29/2021

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

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

Who are you?? Diane implemented this when she was president. It is a way for us to learn more about each other. We will implement this again beginning in January 2021.

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (35); LOA (1) Present (23) Absent (10) Excused (1) Quorum (17)

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

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

There is a funeral Mass and luncheon to follow on Thursday December 2nd at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon is at 1:00 p.m. Pauline received an email from the Ladies of St. Andrews asking if any Vincentians could help with the luncheon. (Pauline followed up with an email to all Vincentians that the luncheon is covered and no help is needed.)

Old Business:

1. **Fellowship Dinner:**

- We will have a fellowship dinner for Vincentians on Monday, December 13, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Kino Hall. If you are able, please arrive a little early to help with setup. Everyone attending is asked to bring hor d'oeuvres to share. Let Mary Ellen know if you are attending. Let Pauline know if you are not attending. So far, Mary, Larry, and Kathy and Mike Cammack are not attending. At the December 6th meeting, there will be a sign up for what hor d'oeuvre you plan to bring.

2. **SVdP Fund Raiser:**

- Some of Gloria's paintings and Jose rosaries will be auctioned off to raise funds for SVdP. Gloria has two large rolls of raffle tickets. The raffle tickets will be sold after Masses in the vestibule of the church. Since the December is a busy month the raffle will be held in January. Jose showed a painting that will be a part of the items up for auction.

3. **Military Food Drive:**

- The military on Ft. Huachuca did a food drive in November and delivered the food to the food bank on November 24th. Larry will get a POC so a thank you letter can be sent.

New Business:

4. **Upcoming events:**

■ Turkey Boxes:

1. A total of 76 families that signed up for turkey boxes did not show. On average that is about \$1800 in Turkeys. That is the normal trend that occurs every year. We will brainstorm next year in September to determine what can be done ahead of time to prevent so many no shows. Possibly call and remind them a couple of days before turkey

box distribution day.

2. OLM SVdP let the families who were late to register come at 1:00 p.m. and get the turkey boxes that were not picked up by registered families.
3. If you are working the conference, and it is not busy, please take the time to put a note in the friend's files that did not show up for their turkey box. If you meet with the friend, ask them if there was a reason they couldn't pick up the turkey box they requested.
4. Thank you to the teens that helped with turkey distribution. They did an awesome job.
5. Acacia B, Sun Canyon Homes, Timeless Therapeutic Day Spa, Kea Retirement Services, S.V. Mission Project, Vivid and Braids, and Fitness with Kay came together and donated 124 Turkeys to SVdP.

▪ **Coats for Kids:**

1. Real Wishes is doing the Coats for Kids again this year. Nina with Real Wishes is our POC at 520-335-6195.
2. There might be a shortage of coats this year as the donated 160 coats to one of the local schools.
3. When you sign up a family for coats, and the coats are delivered to the conference, place them in a bag with a note stating how many coats, the recipient's name and call the family to let them know the coats are ready for pick up.
4. If there are bagged coats at the conference waiting for pickup, your friend or not, please call the families and let them know the coats are ready for pick up. Document that you called the family.

▪ **Special Case and Legacy Funds:**

1. Each month we add \$10,000 to the SVdP Special Case fund. The board discussed the speed which the funds are used each month and voted to change the amount to be used for rent for each household. The new cap for rent from the Special Case fund is \$375 per household. This will help spread the funds further and we will be able to assist more households. Please discern when making a request for the money.
2. If a household needs more than \$375, and they meet the criteria, you can use funds from the Legacy Grant, call St Andrews, or use the Fernandez Funds etc. The special case committee can provide advice/direction to all of us.
3. When combining funds for rent, the max amount you can use from the SVdP utility fund is \$100. That is the approximate amount apartment complexes include in tenants rent for water, sewer and garbage.
4. You can only use \$125 max per household from the Legacy Grant funds. It can come from either rent or utility but not both.
5. Partial rent payments were discussed in depth. Recommendations were made to ask the apartment complex to sign a letter stating that if they get a partial rent payment from SVdP that they wouldn't evict the tenants. There is no way to enforce this with the apartment complexes. It is not the recommended route to helping our friends with rent. Combine as many funds as possible to see what amount SVdP can cover and then ask the friend to cover the rest. Our policy has always been that the friend pays their part first and then we pay our part. Discern the best path on a case by case basis.

▪ **Greeters for the Messiah Christmas Performance:**

1. Messiah Christmas Performance will be at St. Andrews on Sunday December 19th at 7 p.m.
2. Pauline, Glen, Diane, Larry, Tillie, and Ann Faust have volunteered to be Messiah greeters. Greeters need to be there by 6:30 p.m.
3. Free will donations will be collected for SVdP Conference.

▪ **The Chouinard Foundation**

1. SVdP received a donation from the Chouinard Foundation in the amount of \$20,000. \$10,000 each for the Food Bank and the Conference. Thank you to Judge Charlie Erwin for remembering SVdP with the donation.

▪ **Child Tax Credit**

1. Inquire with friends about the \$300 per child per family child tax credit they get each month as part of their income. They are ineligible if they did not file taxes last year.

▪ **Care Net Stocking Stuffers**

1. Care Net provides stuffed stocking to families with children ages newborn to 18 years of age for Christmas.
2. Families can register on the Care Net website to receive stockings.
3. There are flyers at the conference and information in the church bulletin about the event. Donations for the stockings are greatly appreciated.

5. **Home Visits:** When doing home visits, for your own protection, do not go alone. It is a SVdP requirement that you take another Vincentian or person, such as a spouse, with you.
 - Ann L/Margaret delivered food boxes to two families.
 - Diane/Pauline delivered Turkey Box to a family
 - Francisca delivered Jackets.
 - Jose delivered food boxes to two families.
6. **Special cases:** \$0.00 until December 1st.
7. **Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**
 - Hilary: A lady with 4 children and dogs came in with an eviction notice from the courts. The Special Case fund was at \$0.00. SEACAP could not help her because she did not have identification for the children. Hilary called GNA to see if they could fit the family. They did have room but the 19 year old son would have had to stay in the men's section. The mother said no, so she did not go to GNA. We could not provide any assistance.
8. **Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others:** emailed separately.
 - Joann Schneider is going in for surgery for uterine cancer. Gary is having back surgery. Carmen is recovering from COVID.
9. **Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately
10. **For the good of the order:**
 - The Conference and Food Bank are closed on Christmas Eve, Friday December 24th.
 - The Center for Academic Success (CAS) is sending 35 children along with 5 adults to the Thrift Store on December 13th to shop for their families. Each child will receive a \$25.00 voucher to shop for their families for Christmas. If any Vincentians would like to help the children shop contact Shelly.
 - There is a Christmas Rosary at Our Lady of the Sierras on December 17th at 4:00 p.m. Registration is required. Call the office at 520-378-2950 to register.
 - December Birthdays: Norm 12/16, Stan 12/15, Shelly 12/4, Gloria 12/27, Toni Mott 12/5
 - Thrift Store Meeting: December 14th at 1:00 p.m.
 - Board Meeting: December 7th at 10:00 a.m.
 - Food Bank Meeting: December 14th at 10:00 a.m.
 - Finance Meeting: December 17th at 10:00 a.m.
 - Our next meeting is December 6th and Committee Reports will be given.

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

Adjourned: 6:15 p.m.

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