

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 12/27/2021

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 () Pauline (x)

Who are you??!!

Minutes of Previous Meeting: () Read/Approved; Approved with Changes () Not a Quorum. Minutes from last meeting not approved.

Attendance: Total Active Members (34); LOA (0) Present (14) Absent (19) Excused (1) Quorum (17)

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		Associate Member	
Al	x	Hilary	x	Michael C	A	Maria	
Ann F.	A	Ilona	x	Norm	x	Barbara	
Ann L.	A	Janet	x	Pat	x	Ann Felrauth	
Bryant	Ex	Jerry	x	Pauline	x	Mihaela	
Dennis	A	JoAnn	A	Sandra	x		
Diane	A	Jose	A	Scotty	x	Visitors	
Dotti	A	Kathy	A	Toni	A	Ann Lee	x
Estela	A	Larry	x	Yolanda	A		
Francisca	A	Margaret	x			Training	
George	A	Marge	A			Marianne	A
Gini	x	Martha G.	A	Father Greg *	A	Tillie Munoz	A
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:

1. We will have an Epiphany Potluck Party Monday January 10, 2022 from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in Kino Hall. We need a committee to plan the potluck.
2. The Raffle will take place in January 2022. Gloria has two rolls of raffle tickets we can sell after Masses. There will be two or three items included in the raffle. They will be the large art piece that Jose presented at a previous meeting, possibly one of Gloria's paintings and a Prayer Basket. If you have items you would like to donate to the prayer basket give them to Pauline.

New Business:

1. Upcoming events:
 - If the conference is slow on Thursday December 30th, at the discretion of the Vincentians working that day, they can close the conference at 2:00 p.m.
 - While the schools are on Christmas break and the children are home for two weeks, be generous with the food boxes. Families can get additional food if needed.
 - Again this year, SVdP received \$10,000 for the Anita Fernandez fund. Diane received an email that said another member of the Fernandez family will be contributing an additional amount to the Anita Fernandez fund. More information

will be provided when we receive the donation.

- Committee reports will be given at the January 3rd meeting.
- At the last Finance Committee meeting, the committee voted to increase the Special Case fund by \$1,000 each month. The Special Case fund will now have \$11,000 each month. The allowable amount from Special Case funds per household is \$375. You can combine monies from other funds to increase the amount of rent or utility assistance that can be requested through the Special Case committee.
- Utility assistance from the SVdP utility fund is \$450 per household per fiscal year. When using SVdP utility funds, read the case file and sum the total amount of assistance a household has received for the fiscal year. Prior to providing utility assistance, please ensure the household has not exceeded the \$450 limit for the fiscal year.
- Scotty will submit the final report to the Legacy foundation on the previous grant SVdP received. When the report is submitted he will ask if we can apply for another grant.
- As a statistical point, we will start tracking how many households we are unable to help each month because of lack of funds. This is usually because the Special Case fund balance reaches \$0. We will track the amount needed and what type of assistance was needed by each household.

2. Home Visits: None

3. Special cases: December \$0.

4. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Pauline: A couple came in with four children. They live with her sister, brother-in-law, and the brother-in-law's mother. They wanted to go to Mesa because her mother lives in Mesa. They had been in the conference previously talking with Larry and Ilona about their situation. Larry and Ilona felt they were trying to get to Mesa to spend Christmas with the lady's mother. The lady was working here in Sierra Vista. Based on what they told Pauline, it sounded like they wanted to move to Mesa. They had \$160 dollars to get themselves to the Greyhound bus station in Tucson. A very generous Vincentian bought bus tickets for two adults and four children so they could get to Mesa. It is unclear if they will be staying in Mesa or returning to Sierra Vista. They do not have their own file at the conference. Since they were living in the same household as the sister, they are on the sister's file.
- Gini was covering for Blanca one day answering phones. A lady, with 9 people in the household, called wanting food delivered. Gini asked why someone in the household couldn't pick up the food. The one person working uses the only car to get to and from work. They do not live very far from the conference and Gini asked why some of the older children, who are 18 and 20 years old, couldn't walk to the conference for the food. She told the lady we would allow them use a shopping cart to get the food home. The lady said she didn't think the children

would be willing to walk and get the food. Gini told her we are shorthanded and they need to find a way to come and pick up the food. This family always ask for the food to be delivered. Gini annotated their file. Since most days it is busy and we are shorthanded at the conference, it was recommended that this family be told they need to find a way to pick up their food.

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

6. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately

7. For the good of the order:

- Jerry's birthday January 22nd. Mike F. birthday January 31st.
- Foodbank Meeting: January 11th.
- Finance Meeting: January 21st.
- Thrift Store Meeting: January 11th.
- Board Meeting: January 25th.
- Al is working on an online form to replace the paper logs that we use for tracking each fund. Once finished it will be available on the SVdP website and all Vincentians will use it to annotate aid provided to friends. This will eliminate hours of work that Gini currently does each month when she reconciles the logs with the checks written.

Margaret provided a spiritual reading at the close of the meeting.

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

Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

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