

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 01/03/2022

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

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (x)Read/Approved; Approved with Changes () December 6th. Larry made a motion to approve the minutes. Scotty seconded. Motion passed. December 29th Toni made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Ellen seconded. Motion passed.

Attendance: Total Active Members (34); LOA (0) Present (25) Absent (8) Excused (1) Quorum (17)

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		Associate Member	
Al	x	Hilary	x	Mike	x	Maria	
Ann F.	x	Ilona	x	Norm	x	Ann Felrath	
Ann L.	x	Janet	x	Pat	x	Barbara	
Bryant	Ex	Jerry	x	Pauline	A	Mihaela	
Dennis	x	JoAnn	A	Sandra	x		
Diane	x	Jose	x	Scotty	x	Visitors	
Dotti	x	Kathy	x	Toni	x	Ann Lee	x
Estela	x	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	x	Mary Ellen	x	Stan *	A		
Gloria	A	Mary	x				

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Unfinished Business:

- Concerns were expressed about having the Epiphany party and gathering to share food during the rise in COVID cases. Instead of having an Epiphany party we will all gather in Kino Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, 10 January to pray the rosary.
- The SVdP fund raiser raffle will take place the weekend of 29 and 30 January at all the Masses. Al will create a sign up sheet for volunteers to sell raffle tickets after each Mass. The rosary tickets will be \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The painting tickets will be \$10.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$40.00. People who purchase tickets need to put their name and phone number on the tickets for the drawing.

New Business:

- The Dollar Tree gave SVdP a lot of toys. When seeing families with children, if their birthdays are coming up, give them an age appropriate toy for the child.
- When seeing friends remember to annotate all information in their file. If you see a friend and do not provide them any assistance still annotate the file with "**unfunded**" and then put the type of help and dollar amount they needed. The "unfunded" dollar amounts is statistical data point that can be used when requesting grants.
- Concerns were expressed about helping so many friends at the front table instead of having them meet with a case worker. By doing this we neglect some of our Vincentian duties of providing a caring and listening environment. Some days we are shorthanded at the conference and it seems our only option is to help them at the door. We need to try to implement some of our previous policies for seeing friends.
- If new friends come have them see a case worker even if they only want a food box.
- Always ask every friend if they need anything other than a food box and ask if they want to see a case

worker.

- If it is not busy have the caseworkers meet with friends and provide vouchers and any other needs.
- Try to break the COVID routine that has become our new standard practice. Let's get back to **listening** and then helping our friends.

1. **Finance committee report**

- SVdP had a net income of \$13,000 for October and November.
- In December, SVdP received \$10,000 for the Anita Fernandez Fund and \$20,000 from the Chouard Foundation of which \$10,000 went to the Conference and \$10,000 to the Food Bank. SVdP also received a \$5,000 donation designated for family assistance of which \$2,500 went to the Conference and \$2,500 to the Food Bank.
- The Messiah concert raised \$1,126 which was shared with SVdP OLM and St Andrews Social Concerns.
- SVdP is starting to receive AZ Tax Credit donations.

2. **Thrift Store committee Report**

- The store had \$43,289 in sales in December. It had a total of \$492,213 in sales for the year 2021.
- The children from the Center for Academic Success (CAS) received store vouchers to shop for their families for Christmas. The children had fun shopping for their family members and the store employees and volunteers enjoyed helping the children.
- All employees and volunteers were given store vouchers in December.

3. **Food Bank committee report:**

- Stan has not submitted the statistics report to Larry yet.
- Stan saved over \$33,000 by using the Fry's card this past year. By using the Fry's card, he also gets fuel credits and saves \$1.00 per gallon on gas for the SVdP vehicles. He shares those savings with the Thrift Store.

4. **Special Case Committee:** \$11,000 to start January.

5. **Poor box report:** \$363.36

6. **Home Visits:** None

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

- Larry/Pauline: A friend came in Wednesday, 29 December wanting a hotel room for a week because she was put on the DNR list at Forgach house and had no place to go. Forgach House would not provide any information as to why she was no longer allowed at their facility. She had been to the conference a few days before wanting a room for a week but SVdP did not have funds and no help was provided at that time. Her file was not annotated so Larry and Pauline did not have a history of what took place the first time she came to the conference. After talking with her Larry and Pauline decided to put her up at Blue Horizon for a week.
- Ann L: Two girls ages 17 and 18 needed a hotel room. They recently came to Sierra Vista from South Carolina. The 17 year olds boyfriend lives in Sierra Vista. The 18 year old is pregnant. They had been staying with the 17 year olds father but was escorted off the premises by the police. They did not have ID so it was impossible to get them a hotel room. Bisbee Coalition and GNA were full. Ann gave them a tent, sleeping bags, pillows and blankets.

8. **Prayer requests:** emailed separately

9. **Vincentian Schedule:** emailed separately

10. For the good of the order:

- Tuesday 11 January is the SVdP Mass. Please try to attend.
- A log sheet has been created to track all the requested assistance that SVdP was unable to provide. If you see a friend and can't provide assistance annotate it in the friends file and on the new log. It is available at the front desk.

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

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

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