

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 01/24/2022

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Pauline (x) Other () Time: 5:10 p.m.

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

Who are you? Starting in February

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (34); LOA (0) Present (22) Absent (11) Excused (1) Quorum (17)

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

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

Unfinished Business

1. **Raffle:** SVdP has never organized fund raising events to generate funds and based on that the raffle will not take place in January. The Knights of Columbus will have a spaghetti dinner sometime in May on behalf of SVdP. The raffle will be incorporated into the spaghetti dinner.

New Business:

2. **Vincentians Have a Voice**

- Pauline reiterated that all Vincentians have a say in anything discussed at any time before and after any meeting. If you have input or feedback that you feel is pertinent speak up either during the meetings or one on one to Pauline or a board member. There is a saying "A church divided cannot stand". The same can be said "A conference divided cannot stand".
- Vincentians have a say in what we will do on the second Monday of the month. For example, an in person rosary, a fellowship meal, some spiritual training, etc. If you have an idea "speak up". A potluck will be held on February 14, 2022 the second Monday of the month in Kino Hall.

2. **Conference Work**

- Pauline reiterated that "The schedule states if you are not well, please stay home" but to add to that she stated 'If you are well, please work when you see we are weak in numbers staffed'. Also, please try to find a replacement when you are on the schedule but unable to work.
- Greeting friends in the office is showing positive results. Remember to invite our friends to see a caseworker for anything other than a food box. Ilona met a friend who needed a clothing voucher because he was hired for a job. It is very important that we start meeting and talking with our friends. Some friends need someone to talk to even more than the physical need. As Vincentians we are called to

interact with our friends face to face.

- There is a log sheet at the conference to track friends we can't help and the amount of help we were unable to provide. Please start using the log when you are unable to assist a friend. This is for cases that we can't help not for cases we won't help. Also, if a friend needs \$300 and we only provide \$150 then list the amount that was not provided on the log sheet. Remember to also annotate the friends file with the amount not provided using the term "Unfunded".
- Remember to annotate on the case log if a friend is new. We need the statistics of how many new friends we are assisting. It is information we can provide to the parish in our monthly "Did You Know" that is in the bulletin.
- If at all possible rotate the check in person during the four hour shifts at the conference. This will allow all Vincentians the possibility to get to know our friends and assist them face to face.

3. **New Funds:**

- **Heather Bird Single Mom's With Children Fund:** This is Pauline's friend. No details mentioned other than the recipient must be a single mom.
- **Cassie Fund:** A donation made this year by a friend that was helped in the past. The recipients must be married and have a child or children. The max is \$75.00 per friend/household.

4. **Home Visits:** Prior to the pandemic home visits were required for every special case. It is time to start doing home visits again. If you have special cases, and are comfortable doing so, get another Vincentian and start doing home visits. They are important, as it helps us to determine if the family has needs other than the ones they have already discussed with a caseworker.

5. **Special cases:** Amount available \$0.00 until February 1, 2022.

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

- **The two cases below where home visits may provide insight and a path forward to helping these friends.**
- Our friend Cody lives in Whetstone spent several weeks in the hospital. His gas and electric are shut off. His daughter, who lives in California, was paying his gas and electric bill but is no longer able to do so. The SW Gas bill is in the ex-wife's name. She lives in Texas which will make it difficult to apply for a SW Gas grant. Cody for some reason does not answer his phone. He has no income.
- Another family with two handicapped children and three adults in the house and extremely high rent came in needing help that we were unable to provide. DES helps with \$1,800 in rent.

7. **Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others:** Emailed separately.

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

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

- January Birthdays: Mike Feeney. If you would like to mail him a card his address is 333 E. Morrison Ranch Parkway Apartment 4 Gilbert AZ 85216
- Food Bank Meeting: Date and location will be provided at the January 31, 2022 meeting.
- Finance Meeting: Date and location will be provided at the January 31, 2022 meeting.
- Thrift Store Meeting: Date and location will be provided at the January 31, 2022 meeting.
- Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 10:00 a.m. Room 5 Madonna Hall.
- Each Monday night one Vincentian will be asked to provide what they do for Apostolic Action, Spiritual Growth etc.
- Thank you Pauline for purchasing "The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen" books for all Vincentians.

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

Adjourned: 6:10 p.m.

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