

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 2/07/2022

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

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

Who are you? Pat Gorecki

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

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

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

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

Old Business:

1. The potluck dinner is February 14 at 5:00 p.m. in Kino Hall. A signup sheet is going around and it will also be placed at the conference. Please sign up for what you plan to bring. Since it is Valentine's Day member's spouses or loved ones are invited.

2. New Procedures:

- The new procedures, for greeting and helping our friends, that were voted in at last week's meeting will be implemented on Monday, February 28, 2022.
- Our friends sign in, first name only, on the new log that Mary designed (which is in numerical order) plus confidentiality is in place.
- Our friend also fills out the new "basic" form that was created with the signature block. The friend holds onto that paper until they are called by a caseworker. Pauline will update the form to clarify that the note area is for caseworker use only.
- If a friend has a question, they can ask Blanca.
- The Vincentian comes out, checks the sign in sheet for next friend in line, calls them back and checks them off the list.
- Before the caseworker brings the friend back, they take the time to invite friends waiting outside to come and sign in.
- The Vincentian brings the friend into office and talks about their needs.
- If a Vincentian needs a file printed, they can ask Blanca to print the file, otherwise the Vincentian can read the file on the computer and update the information while they are with the

friend.

- If there's a long line, we use Foodbox express.

3. Conference Hours:

- We are very shorthanded at the conference and need Vincentians to sign up for a four hour shift each week. Our Vincentian Vocation calls us to work with and assist the poor and needy. If you can't do four hours sign up for two.

4. **Catholic Appeal Dinner.** Hilary attended and said the dinner was fantastic and had a good turnout. St Andrews reached about a third of their monetary goal at the dinner.

5. T-Mobile Affordable Connectivity Phone Plans:

- <https://acpbenefit.org/>
- A friend can go online and apply for free or discounted service. If our friend needs immediate service, they have \$30 \$40 and \$50 plans and can get a phone right away.
- If we accompany them to T-Mobile it is imperative to ask them to waive the set-up plan fee.
- If you apply online, you may receive an immediate approval. If they cannot confirm your eligibility automatically, they will request additional documentation from you and provide information on how you can submit those documents for review.
- Use this link to apply and find other available information. <https://acpbenefit.org/how-to-apply/>

New Business:

1. Toiletry bags:

- Toiletries are for emergency needs. The toothbrushes arrived today. There are feminine products. Please package no more than eight in a baggie.

2. Committee Reports

- Food Bank

LBS DONATED OUT	
MANY LOCAL MISSIONS	3189lbs.
JANUARY 2022 FOODBANK REPORT	TOTAL

SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF March	
TOTAL LBS ON HAND (JAN)	28,552
TOTAL LBS ON HAND(FEB)	27,673
TOTAL LBS DONATED IN	10,774
TOTAL LBS DONATED OUT	3,189
TOTAL LBS PURCHASED	4,407
DOLLARS SPENT ON FOOD PURCHASES	\$5,387.00
TOTAL POUNDS GIVEN TO CLIENTS	12,871
DOLLARS RECEIVED AS DONATIONS	\$12,495.00
NUMBER OF CLIENT BOXES	827
NUMBER OF PEOPLED SERVED	2,457
NUMBER OF ADULTS	1,439
NUMBER OF CHILDREN	1,018
AVERAGE BOX SIZE	3.00
AVERAGE BOX WEIGHT	16.0

- **Thrift Store Report:**

- January Sales were \$44,083.

- There is a water leak in a pipe under the parking lot at the Thrift Store. The water has been shut off. The repair estimate is \$2,000. Need to determine if the estimate includes repairing the paving in the parking lot.
- **Finance Report:**
 - Year to Date income is exceeding expenses.
 - December we spent \$20,273 in Aid to Friends
 - Other Agencies including St. Andrews assisted with \$1,100 in December.
 - The St. Andrews second collection in January for SVdP was \$12,300.
 - Fernandez Fund with carry over funds from 2021 has a balance of \$13,400
 - Frank Ferraco Fund has a balance of \$1,800 with \$200 allotted per month.
 - Tom Kennedy Fund has a balance of \$30,000 with \$3,300 allotted per month.
 - SVdP received finalization papers from Lawyer Paul Melo's office. It was in reference to Neil Boyle's estate settlement. SVdP was given \$6,070 from the estate. Paul Melo's office sent the funds to the National Council of St. Vincent De Paul. Gini contacted National to let them know those funds were designated for SVdP Sierra Vista. She is working with them to get the funds sent to our conference.
- **Poor Box Report:** \$253.00

1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Pauline had 4 homeless people on Wednesday at 3:58 p.m. The weather was wet and cold. SVdP had enough funds and were able to provide all of them with a room for the night.
- Ann L reported that GNA will assist with hotels rooms.
- Jose submitted a special case for a friend. The case was approved. The friend is working at Mr. Fix It. Jose stopped by to see how the young man was doing. He is doing a good job and happy we were able to help him.
- Ann L friend Hannah Parker came in today seeking help with her SWG bill. She recently was approved for disability. She was very pleased with the help she received from her attorney's office - the Keil Roeschke Law Firm. Their phone number is 1-800-975-1866. Hannah said that they have Spanish speakers available.

2. Home Visits: None

3. Special cases: \$\$4,609 minus any funds for cases that may have been submitted today.

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

5. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately. Thank you Al for keeping the schedule for us and letting us know what days need more caseworkers.

6. For the good of the order:

- Vincentian Corporal Communion is February 8, 2022 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Ann Lee is the District President for a third year. Thank you Ann.
- Pauline was notified that the city grant that SVdP applied for two years ago to pave the conference parking lot is moving forward. It will take place during the Bartow Street improvement being done by the city.
- February Birthdays: Bryant 17 February, Ilona 19 February, Jose and Bryant 23 February
- Food Bank Meeting: 15 February
- Finance Meeting: 18 February at 10 a.m.
- Thrift Store: Next meeting is in March

- Board Meeting: 22 February 10 a.m. Madonna Hall
- **What did you do this week for study, prayer, or apostolic action?** Diane shared that she is using meditation as a way of enriching her prayer life. For her, prayer is talking but meditation is more about listening and focusing on God. It is challenging but very rewarding. Father Greg reminded everyone that we have the Divine Mercy Chapel available 24/7 for spending time with God. Sit quietly and allow God to radiate you with his love. You can remove the cover from the Eucharist and spend time in adoration.

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

Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

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