

## MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 2/28/2022

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

**Spiritual Reading:** Fr. Greg ( ) Margaret ( X )

GUEST: WILMA MROSK RICHARDSON/ BUTTERFLY CLUB

Wilma gave an overview of the Butterfly Club and its ministry to provide wigs for women and children throughout the country with cancer. She explained that the organization had arranged “The Shroud of Turin Exhibit” as a fundraising event for their mission. It will be held at the Cochise College downtown campus on El Camino Real and Wilcox Drive. There will be two sessions on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> (9:30 and 1:30) and one on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Cost of the tickets is \$25.

**Who are you: ANN FAUST.** Ann reviewed her background and her progression into St. Vincent de Paul. She also shared the books that she uses to strengthen her spiritual life.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (x) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes

Motion by Ann Lund, seconded by Larry

**Attendance: Total Active Members (35); LOA (1) Present (24) Absent (9) Excused (1) Quorum (17)**

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

**Absent plus 30 days:**

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

### **Old Business:**

- Greeting our friends: new process started today, mandatory that the intake form be completed by each Friend **every single time they come to the Conference**. If the need is just food, the slip goes to the Food Bank; for other needs, the next available Vincentian takes the Friend to an office. Please remember to rotate.

If you are not entering the results of the encounter with a friend into the computer, but leaving it for later entry, please be sure to indicate on the intake form what was provided so the record will have an accurate reflection.

### **New Business:**

1. Donation: The Ladies of St. Andrew's have donated \$1500.
2. Sierra Vista Community Connect event will be held Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Scotty will represent the Conference. Glenn said he would also be there. If anyone does go, please pick up flyers so that we may use the info to update ours.
3. Clothing and toiletries that are in the double room have been donated by Karen Harper's family.
4. We are *Vincentians*. The intake form has been modified to clarify that we are not "caseworkers," as in DES.
5. Vouchers from another conference. This was brought up when we received a request from Bisbee. The matter was referred to the Thrift Store Committee to develop a system to handle the issue.
6. Release of case file: a friend had requested a copy of his case file. This will not be done. We can provide a letter itemizing the services that have been provided. Only a subpoena could require release of a case file. Pauline suggested it would be wise to refrain from making judgments casting aspersions in the file.
7. Special cases: Amount available -\$11,000, less a pending case for about \$230. In response to a request, Ann Lund will provide Blanca with the balance of Special Case funds available after the previous day's cases have been funded so it will be available to Vincentians working that day.
8. Home Visits. None reported.
9. Conference Members Sick or in Distress: JoAnn's surgery will take place on Wednesday. Francisca is feeling better but not fully back.
10. Prayers for others: Emailed separately
11. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately. Al pointed out help is needed on Monday.
12. Difficult or Touching Cases: Toni shared her protracted interaction with a Friend who went from one odd request to another and was reluctant to leave. This Friend also indicated he would return on Wednesday with the hope of seeing "a man." Pauline noted that if a Vincentian becomes uncomfortable s/he should ask another Vincentian to come into the room with them.
13. For the Good of the Order
  - This week is Ash Wednesday.
  - Ann Lund suggested fasting on Ash Wednesday. Although not required after age 59, it gives the opportunity for us to relate to our friends because they don't have a choice about fasting.
  - March Birthdays: Francisca and Barbara – March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Fellowship meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> in Kino Hall. Food Bank Committee will host.
  - Fernandez Family – Diane noted that Michaela has a Mass said for Anita Fernandez every year. This year it will take place on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. She suggested it would be fitting for Vincentians to attend, in blue shirts, to demonstrate our gratitude to the family for their continuing generosity in the name of Anita.
  - Vincentian Mass will be Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Food Bank needs jelly.
  - Website "How to live out of your vehicle:" <https://cheaprvliving.com/>

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Greg ( ) Pauline ( ) Other: Ann Lund ( X )

**Adjourned:** 6:15 p.m.

Recorder: Mary (Secretary) ( ) Other: Mary Ellen ( X )