

# MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 4/18/22

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

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

**Who are you??!! Norm Guffey** Thank you Norm!

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes for April 4  
Motion by: Ann Lund    Seconded by: Gini

**Attendance: Total Active Members (33) LOA ( ) Present (18) Absent (15) Excused ( ) Quorum (17)**

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

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

## **Old Business:**

Thank you to everyone that came to Vinny's last Monday! It was so much fun!

Mary's last day as Secretary is May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please consider filling that position.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. It is suggested that we work with the Friends coming in for repeat rental help, suggest budget help, and also pay attention to their intake forms regarding incoming vs outgoing funds. Many Friends don't seem aware of how their car payments, etc., are part of their budget.
2. Our office is open until **4:00 p.m.** so please do not turn anyone away before that.
3. As of May 1st our gas cards will be raised to \$15. Only ONE card is given every 90 days.

4. As of May 1<sup>st</sup> the Special Case amount will be raised \$13,500/month.

In the event a Spec. Case is urgently needed, please submit it for email, then make calls to the board to see if attention can be called upon to render help immediately.

**SPECIAL CASES: Amount as of 4/19/22 is \$6,450.33**

5. The gifts we received in bulk does not mean we give away the bulk.  
Please be good stewards of the toiletries, while it seems we have an ample amount right now, these supplies go very quickly and the price of goods is going up by leaps and bounds.  
  
Jason and Tom from the Thrift Store used the Food Bank truck and drove to Phoenix to pick up a very generous donation of “a ton” of goods including men’s clothing, women’s underclothes, notebooks, belts, shaving kits/hygiene supplies and sanitizing wipes. This was so generous that we still have an abundance even after our District 5 Conferences, Bisbee and Elfrida, were able to visit and collect supplies for their Friends. We want to thank The Homeless Youth Connection for this wonderful gift.
6. If anyone has helped a Friend to apply for a Birth Certificate, double check as their system may not have sent the Birth Certificates out and need to be sent.
7. **Bella Vista Hotel** has implemented a new policy: Credit/Debit Card or Cash ONLY. NO checks accepted. For security purposes, take the Credit Card to the hotel in person as you would a check. For security, if the card is given over the phone, do it in the back room with the door closed. Please do not use your own, personal credit card. Ask the hotel to give us a call if the Friend does any damages before adding this to our card! Let the Friend know that they will be held liable, or put on a NO HELP/DNR list if there are damages caused.  
**Hotel rooms are 1 night every 90 days!**
8. GNA is giving a Day Program for residents to help with budgeting, check writing, keeping track of money, application writing, etc. We’ve been told they are now serving lunches.
9. **Sierra Connection** we will attend twice a year. Suggested January and June, alternating with Salvation Army.
10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS ... BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 26 10:00a.m.**

**A: FOOD BANK**

**B. THRIFT STORE REPORT**

**C. FINANCE REPORT**

11. **Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:** Pauline is trying to help a lady with her Birth Certificate that is struggling. She told Pauline, “I am 82, but I look 60” what a great outlook!  
Dennis & Norm helped 3 elderly, and disabled Friends to rebuild their trailer’s ramp.  
Margie helped a man on a bicycle that couldn’t get the Food Box home. When she dropped it off outside and felt he actually may be homeless, not living at that address. He may come for help to fix the brakes on his bike.  
Pauline was updated that two homeless women she met at Sierra Connection, that are now living with another woman they met there, and hopefully they are all helping each other.  
While visiting in the front room, one Friend commented she liked another Friend’s shirt. That Friend stepped out, came right back, wrapped in coat, and literally gave the other the shirt off

of her back!

**12. Home visits:** Janet and Al delivered a Food Box to a friend.

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

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

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

*What did you do this week for study, prayer, or apostolic action?*

Norm told us how he, and his wife, Ruby, say the Rosary and, between the two of them, attend Mass 7 days of the week. He is also reading the Bible.

Kathy said that the movie Father Stu was wonderful! It may not be here long so please try to go see it.

Ann Lund will be temporarily MIA so Janet will be on the Spec. Case board while she is out.

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

Adjourned: 6:00 pm

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