

**MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING**

**Date: 5/16/2022**

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

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

**Who are you?** Thank you Scotty for sharing your very interesting life story.

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

Motion by: Ann L. Seconded by Larry

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34); Present (23) Absent (10) Quorum (17)**

<b>Members</b>		<b>Members</b>		<b>Members</b>		<b>Associate Members</b>	
Al	x	Ilona	x	Michael C	A		
Ann Faust.	x	Janet	x	Norm	x		
Ann L	x	Jerry	x	Pat	x		
Dennis	A	JoAnn	A	Pauline	x		
Diane	x	Jose	A	Sandra	A		
Dotti	A	Kathy	A	Scotty	x	Visitors	
Estela	x	Larry	x	Toni	x		
Francisca	A	Margaret	x	Yolanda			
George	x	Marge	x			Training	
Gini	x	Marianne	x	Father Greg *	A		
Glenn	A	Martha G.	x	Stan *	A		
Gloria	A	Mary Ellen	x				
Hilary	x	Mary	x				

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

**Old Business:**

- Great time at potluck. It was nice having The Harpers join us and having Francisca and Joanne able to join us.
- Postal Food Drive: The postal food drive was a huge success with the food bank receiving over 28,000 pounds of food.
- Scotty spoke with Matt about the parking lot paving project. The scope of work was sent to the contractors and we are waiting on a cost estimate. The CDBG grant we received from the city will cover \$15,000 of the cost. Any cost over \$15,000 will be covered by SVdP.

**New Business:**

- The Alice Garvey Award:
  - Information from the flyer pertaining to the award: "This year The Society of St. Vincent de Paul lost a beloved servant leader and friend, Alice Garvey. In honor of Alice, the National Youth Committee would like to introduce The Alice Garvey Excellence in Youth Award. We would like to invite Council presidents to nominate a young person who serves The Society in their area who, like Alice, embodies leadership, dedication, and passion towards the Vincentian charisms of spirituality, friendship, and service." St. Andrew SVdP nominated Kate Polakowski.
- CHRPA: Is a community home repair non-profit agency dedicated to assisting low income home owners in Tucson and PimaCounty. They provide emergency home repairs. They assisted a lady with an air conditioner for her travel trailer that she lives in fulltime. Is anyone aware of a local organization that provides this service in Cochise County or the Sierra Vista area?
- There will be a service pin ceremony at the June Fellowship.

- 30 year pin: Father Greg
  - 20 year pin: Dotti and Margaret
  - 5 year pin: Kathy, Mike, Glenn, Diane, Sandy and Scotty
4. If you submit a special case, please check your emails and determine if it was approved or not. If you can't finish the special case please ask someone to finish it for you. Please update the friend's file with the pertinent information whether it was approved or denied.
  5. There were two large boxes of cosmetics that SVdP received from the Harpers. There was a plan in place to use the cosmetics as stocking stuffers. Most of the cosmetics disappeared in less than a week. There are only a few items remaining in one of the boxes. It is a mystery as to what happened to the cosmetics and how they were used up in less than a week. It is upsetting and disappointing to have them missing and not be able to use them as stocking stuffers for our friends.
  6. At the May 23, 2022 meeting HOPE Inc. will present what they do to support people in our community who suffer with mental illness and substance abuse.

Committee Reports:

1. Food Bank: None
2. Thrift Store: None
3. Finance: March expenses exceeded income because one of the April pay periods was paid at the end of March causing March to have three pay periods. Over all year to date income has exceeded expenses. We are still waiting on the \$60,000 from the Kennedy estate.

Committee Meetings:

1. Food Bank: TBD
2. Finance: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:00 a.m. Madonna Hall
3. Thrift Store: Was held Tuesday, May 10, 2022 1:00 p.m. Mary Ellen's house.
4. Board: Tuesday 24 April 2022, 10:00 a.m. Madonna Hall

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

1. Gini: A friend from Douglas came wanting mortgage assistance. They had been to SVdP in Douglas but said they couldn't get help in Douglas. Gini called the Douglas President and as it turned out the family had been helped in November and were not eligible for more assistance this year from the Douglas conference. They have been getting food from both conferences. They can get food from us but must use the Douglas conference for monetary assistance. Gini noted this, in red, in the friend's file.

Home Visits: None

Special cases: \$4,367

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

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately

For the good of the order:

1. SVdP is closed Memorial Day May 30, 2022. The meeting is also cancelled on May 30, 2022.
2. May Birthdays: 5/8 Estela, 5/9 Mike Cammack, 5/13 Ann Faust, 5/16 Mary Skinner, 5/21 Mary Ellen, 5/21 Janet

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

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

Recorder: Mary (Secretary) (x)