

## MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 6/27/22**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg ( ) Pauline (X) Other ( ) Time: 5:03 pm

**Spiritual Reading:** Fr. Greg ( ) Margaret ( ) Pauline (X) Pauline shared Prayer of Eusebius

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

**Motion by:** Ann Lund **Seconded by:** Marge

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34) LOA ( ) Present (18) Absent (16) Excused ( ) Quorum (17)**

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>Associate Member</u>	
Al	X	Janet	X	Pat	X	Maria	
Ann Faust.	X	Jerry	X	Pauline	X	Barbara S	
Ann L	X	JoAnn	A	Sandra	X	Ann Fellrath	
Dennis	A	Jose	A	Scotty	X	Michaela	
Diane	A	Kathy	X	Toni	X		
Dotti	A	Larry	A	Yolanda	A	<b>Visitors</b>	
Estela	A	Margaret	A			Ann Lee	X
Francisca	LOA	Marianne	X				
George	A	Marge	X			<b>Training</b>	
Gini	A	Martha G.	A			Tillie Munoz	X

Glenn	A	Mary Ellen	X				
Gloria	X	Mary	X	Father Greg *	A		
Hilary	A	Michael C	X	Stan *	A		
Ilona	X	Norm	X				

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

- Dr. Ken Anderson and Beverly Leake of LOVE INC. (stands for LOVE In the Name of Christ) came to talk to us about the many things they do in the community. They are a branch of LOVE INC’s National Organization that serves from Sierra Vista to help all of Cochise County. They work to vet specific needs, and build bridge between people who have needs in our community and church volunteer ministries that are willing, and ready to meet those needs. Just a sample of what is available: a Financial Management Program, Gas Cards, a Diaper Program, rides and some of the smaller, immediate needs.

There will be a LOVE INC luncheon held on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Village Meadows Baptist Church. A Diaper Drive is coming in from Tucson and is planned for September.

LOVE INC / 520-459-8586 /Tue, Wed, Thurs 10 a.m.-2 p.m. email: info@loveincsv.org.

1. **St. Vincent de Paul Gazette** is going to tell the story about our Teresa B. Mary Ellen wrote a beautiful success story about her and the interaction she’s had with our Vincentians. She looks so nice in the photo she posed for in front of her little flower garden. Watch for it on the website of St. Vincent de Paul. Pauline will alert everyone. Pauline will alert everyone when it goes out.

**Old Business:**

**Report from the Greeting Committee:**

Pt, Ann Lund, and Toni met at Marge’s on Tuesday to come up with procedures for the front room.

**New Front Room Procedure**

**Motion by: Ann Lund    Seconded by: Jerry** (see attached)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ideas for putting the laptop in the “check writing office” for the use of Vincentians that are following up on Special Cases so that all 4 computers can be used for Vincentians working with Friends.
2. A partition in the large room has been suggested for privacy between the two desks.

3. Friends coming in with EXTREMELY large water bills, one for \$1643 and another for \$3600!
4. Pauline found some lightweight rain “coats” American made, that will be placed in the homeless bags and to have on hand for our Friends during monsoons.
5. The compressor on the Food Bank’s insulated storage container (Conex) needs to be replaced so Scotty has applied for a grant from Arizona Complete Health for \$8,000 to repair or replace the compressor. The Legacy Foundation also has an emergency fund and he is looking into that grant. Our Conference moved \$15,000 from the budget to the Food Bank to help cover food purchases. Scotty has applied for another \$5,000 COVID recovery grant from the Legacy Foundation to replace dollars moved from the Conference.
6. We do **NOT** disclose to friends the monetary amounts they are allowed each year. These set guidelines can change at the drop of a hat and then we have to deal with upset people because they have been told dollar amounts that are no longer in effect.
  7. A reminder that GNA does not do any utility assistance. Do not send friends to GNA for utility assistance.
  8. July 4<sup>th</sup> we are closed. Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> will be very busy. Please watch the schedule.
  9. **Next meeting is a fellowship on July 11<sup>th</sup>.** It is to be considered we have potluck every other month. Thus, AUGUST/ on the 2nd Monday will be a regular mtg in KINO.

Instead of a pot luck July 11th, suggestions of Vinny’s pizza delivery or ordering giant sub sandwich were.

#### 10. Update on the store:

- The parking lot Fundraiser on Saturday brought in \$1261 in 3 hours! This will go into unrestricted funds.
  - Scotty will look over the quotes as we are looking at
1. New placement of wiring. 2. A/C-heater units. 3. Epoxy the floors.
    - Waiting on the final quotes from everyone to come in.
    - Maury from the St. Vincent de Paul Diocese said he will go to their board to request financial help if we request assistance.
    - St. Andrew’s has also offered financial help.
    - Reminder that Don-8-It will take our vouchers for furniture and clothing. Staple the notice to the voucher which has the address and the people to ask for when the friend gets there.

- The Thrift Store needs sturdy boxes, liquor bottle sized or a little larger, for packing up smaller items.

11. **There will no longer be any gas cards given.** It was learned that these cards could be used for any item at the store and overall with the exorbitant price of gas, it just isn't practical. Remaining cards will be used for the Food Bank truck.

**JUNE COMMITTEE REPORTS:** DUE JULY 11<sup>th</sup>. We begin dinner following a brief update.

**A: FOOD BANK:**

**B: THRIFT STORE REPORT:** JUNE 1-4, \$6,905

**C: FINANCE REPORT:**

**D: The POOR BOX REPORT:** HILARY (X) JUNE: \$\$\_\_376.12\_\_\_\_\_

**1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: Pauline/Harold**

- Pauline had a 70 yr old man that has his adult daughter and children living in his 90 year old father's home. He is living in an RV with a friend. He considered evicting them for non-payment. Pauline talked to him, explained to him how this would affect them if they were homeless and encouraged him to reconsider.
- Mary had a young man with a toddler that are at GNA. They needed to go back to his home state for support while his wife is in long term mental facility.
- Toni met with Vivian Ash who learned she has no

2. **Special cases:** Amount available : **\$1022.00**

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

Linda, Shelly's cashier at the Thrift Store fell and has had a head injury that is causing her to have dizziness and speech problems.

Mary Ellen, Ann Faust, Hilary, Yolie, Margaret, Deacon George and Martha.

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

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- **Food Bank Meeting:** PENDING
- **Finance Meeting:** AUGUST 2022
- **THRIFT STORE:** PENDING

- **BOARD MTG:** Wednesday 29 June @ 10am RM 4 Madonna Hall

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

**Adjourned:** 6:40pm

**Recorder:** Toni (Secretary) () Other - ()