

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

**Date: 7/25/2022**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg ( ) Pauline (X) Other ( ) Time: 5:05 pm

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes  
Motion by: Ann Lund, seconded by Jose

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34); LOA ( ) Present (20) Absent (13) Excused ( ) Quorum (17)**

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

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

**Old Business:**

1. Legacy Grant: we have received the \$5,000 and the funds will be available for use on August 1<sup>st</sup>. At the \$125 limit per family, it will serve 40 families.  
After discussion, motion was made by Ann Lund, seconded by Marge and unanimously carried
  - THAT the Legacy grant money will be used to support utility payment for Friends per the Grant requirement, as the first \$125; utility funds up to \$150 can be used in conjunction, for a total of \$275 available without requiring a Special Case, however
    - The Friend must have (or be near) a Disconnect date
    - If the amount is \$200 or more, a home visit is required to determine if some advice could lower future bills. Payment of the bill prior to the home visit is acceptable if necessary to avoid disconnect.
    - There is no prohibition of paying utility bills in consecutive months if the caseworker deems appropriate.
  - Re Pre-pay accounts – When calling SSVEC, determine the daily usage and add only enough to get the Friend to the next payday, plus one day for cushion.

2. Alice Garvey Award. We will present Kate Polakowski with a special Thank You gift for all the good she has done for St. Vincent de Paul at 5:30 during the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Father Greg and SVDP President from Diocese will be present, along with Kate's family. Cake and ice cream will be served. Pauline will order the cake, Ilona will pick it up.
3. Women's Day Retreat – Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, Madonna Hall, 9:00 to 5:00. \$10 registration and a snack to share. Register by Email to [genski92@yahoo.com](mailto:genski92@yahoo.com) or call (850) 225-1941.
4. Ozanam Training. Vincentians who have not taken the training and those who have not had it in five years are encouraged to attend. A local site is planned (yet to be determined) September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

1. Newspaper Article re Chuck Bianco. Dottie and Chuck Bianco were congratulated for the article published in the *Herald*.
2. Update on the Store.
  - Contractor will begin the process, starting with the lights.
  - The Store's electrical system will not support installation of the mini-split air conditioners, so the swamp cooler will remain.
  - The Board will consider refurbishment of the floor
3. Pulpit Call. A pulpit call will take place Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> to encourage donations, and particularly to the Food Bank. Need has increased, donations have not kept pace. The script has been prepared.
  - Saturday, 5 PM -- Pauline & Ann Lund
  - Sunday, 8 AM -- Al & Janet
  - Sunday, 10 AM – Ann Faust
  - Sunday, Noon – Hopefully Francesca
  - Sunday, 5 PM – Ann Lund & Mary Ellen
4. Board Meeting Wednesday 27 July at 10 AM
5. Resource sheet suggested by Maury's wife would be useful to provide to Friends if modified for our locality.
6. July Committee Reports are due August 1<sup>st</sup>:
  - A. Food Bank
  - B. Thrift Store –
    - Shelly and crew did Christmas in July, but with disappointing results. More specialized sales may follow.
    - Comfort Inn furniture and appliances have been picked up; Hoops House has been provided with refrigerators for storage of medicine.
  - C. Finance – Gini returns early August.
  - D. Poor Box – Hilary – report next week.

7. Vincentian Reports on Difficult or Touching Cases/Home Visits.

- Mary and Margaret will do a home visit in Huachuca City for a man with seven children who has great needs. A ladder has already been provided, with the help of St. Andrew's.
- Pauline reviewed the situation of a Friend she has been helping. Although her son lives in Sierra Vista, she has no support. Pauline considered contacting him on her behalf, but since the Friend has refused to provide his contact information, it was agreed it would seem to be unwise to step into the family situation. There are continuing needs, and she has items that could be sold to help with her expenses.
- Mary related her interaction with a friend whose grown children cannot not get work because they do not have Social Security cards or State ID. She suggested Vincentians recommend to parents who have teenage children to get Social Security cards in preparation for when they are needed.
- Dottie indicated she had spoken with a Friend who said she had been told she could get help every three months. Mary also shared a similar conversation with a Friend who "knew" the balance of help available according to the guidelines.

**Please do not share the Guidelines with Friends.**

- Gloria mentioned she had told a Friend it was too soon for food; this type situation should warrant a home visit to assess the entire situation.
- Ann Faust pointed out the importance of verifying the amount of need provided by Friends, sharing a case where the water bill had been paid by another party, unbeknown to the Friend.
- **If a home-visit is indicated it should be scheduled before disbursement of funds, if possible. Should the Friend refuse to accept a home visit, the help will not be extended and that should be well documented in the file.**
- **Volunteers for Home Visit partners** (in no particular order): Ann Faust, Ann Lund, Marge, Mary, Yolie, Norm, Gloria, Jose, Pauline

9. Special cases: Amount available as of 7/25: \$1,255.79 – five cases pending. Estelle indicated that a Friend for whom rental help had been approved had decided to relinquish his apartment, since despite the help with July rent, he will not be able to pay August. That added \$375 to the available balance.

10. Conference Members Sick or in Distress /Prayers for others: List was mailed separately.

- Diane and Glen have returned from a funeral/family time.
- Ilona and Larry have returned from a funeral for aunt/uncle.

11. Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

12. Committee Meetings:

- Food Bank Meeting: Met last week
- Finance Meeting: AUGUST 2022
- Thrift Store: Met last week
- Board: Wednesday, 27th July @ 10am Madonna Hall

13. Good of the Order – Knights of Columbus pot luck Tuesday

Please place your name on the Special Case form, not just initials.  
Communal Mass August 9th

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

Adjourned: 6:10

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