

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

**Date: 8/1/22**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg ( ) Pauline (X) Other ( )

**Time:** 5:03 p.m.

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

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

Motion by: Mary Ellen    Seconded by: Marge

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34) LOA ( ) Present (19) Absent (15) Excused ( ) Quorum (17)**

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

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

## **Old Business:**

1. **5k Legacy grant.** Today we started using \$125 from legacy +\$150 from Utility. Please consider a home visit if the bill exceeds \$200. It was discussed that cell phones can be considered a utility.
2. **The Store:** Todd took down the light ballasts and returned to find the entire ceiling, along with insulation, had fallen to the floor. The ballasts had been holding up the ceiling. Hoop's House is an option for labor.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**August 8:** Alice Garvey Award and Kate Polakowski. Please attend. Cake and ice cream will be served.

**August 6:** Women's Retreat at St. Andrews

**August 9:** Corporal Mass

**September 24, 2022.** OZANAM Training. Please consider attending. We have a possible new Vincentian.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Kathy Cammack was in the newspaper at the Farmers Market
2. Bus Passes and vouchers:

- Vouchers for 30 day passes are \$36 + Friends pay the \$4. The transit won't accept a \$40 voucher. Vouchers are valid for 30 days. Verify that our Friends understand their part in the bus pass. The Conference does not have cash available. If a Vincentian wants to give \$4 it is up to the individual Vincentian.
  - For Senior/Student/Handicap passes we do not write a voucher. Take a form and a check for \$20 to Transit, meeting the friend there. Transit has to verify that the Friend meets the criteria.
3. Packages of socks and underwear are in the bin in the closet. Make sure you have the right size for the underwear. One package per person.
  4. When getting help from St. Andrews please record it into the Help from St. Andrews folder as well as the check stub.
  5. A generous \$1000 gift, via check, was anonymously left for Pauline for St. Vincent de Paul.
  6. We have been so busy and so hurried in many cases. It is strongly suggested to write your notes, and close the Friend's file, before taking the next Friend to the back.
  7. SEACAP will assist up to \$1200, for electricity, for households with no children. They still require that there are children in the home to receive rental assistance.
  8. Corporal Mass is August 9, 2022.
  9. Many Friends cannot be found in the search/database, please scroll through the names, individually. Many are not coming up when normal search is done. Some may be under another person's name, so ask if there might be a different file.
  10. School supplies such as loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, folders and such, are in the conex. It was suggested that we put some in packets for Friends that ask. It was also suggested to call St. Andrews to see if we can donate to them, or to Carmichael Elementary.
  11. Stan received a huge shipment of cases of pasta, jelly, peanut butter, from LDS for the Food Bank.
  12. We now have a small refrigerator in the lobby that holds water for our Friends. In the back of the Conference we have a water dispenser that we can use to cut back on our water bottle usage. It also has a hot water dispenser.

**1. JULY COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE 1 AUGUST**

A: FOOD BANK:

B: THRIFT STORE REPORT:

C: FINANCE REPORT:

D: The POOR BOX REPORT: HILARY (X) \$570.00 (X) JULY

**1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**

- Dotti referred Norma Vasquez, legally blind, but taking care of her 22 year old with mental problems, to Real Wishes for help with her deposit of \$350. She then went to the Douglas Conference asking for \$200 and said that we would help her with another \$350 deposit for a

\$940 deposit for Section 8 housing. Section 8 tenants have to pay their deposit, first, and those deposits are based on the amount of rent. Douglas Conference called Pauline to verify. We do not do deposits because those are refunded to the tenant at the end of the lease.

- Mary Ellen has been helping Teresa with extensive work with ridding her apartment of bed bugs. St. Andrews and SVdP paid for Truly Nolen's services. They charged half price, of \$500 for their services, which included treatments, and will return for rechecks for a year
- Mary has been helping Joshua. He is a single parent, broken down car, was unemployed, has 7 children. When Mary and Margaret visited and found that they have no furniture, no kitchen items and the house is in bad shape. One child has a kidney disease and they travel to Phoenix for care. The grandmother is going to be getting a visa and will arrive, from Mexico, next week to help him. St. Andrews helped with a starter for his car, which he installed himself. SAHARA was very generous and had them come get items they needed. They helped with a large desk being used as a table, chairs, kitchen items, dishes, blankets, and weekly box of food. Our Thift Store has delivered bath supplies, towels, washcloths and buckets of toys. He was able to get school supplies at the Huachuca City back to school event. He has been hired by the Huachuca City School, as maintenance, 30 hrs/week and is also going to be doing work on his own during his off hours as a painting, landscape and repairs. It was encouraged that they drink the home water as they thought they needed bottled water to drink.

The little girl told Margaret that their new kitten is from Mexico but speaks English! So cute!

## HOME VISITS:

**"Above all else, guard your heart, because everything you do flows from it." PROVERBS 4:23**

It was discussed at length and it is agreed upon that every case needing over \$200 for rent or utilities does **NOT** have to have a home visit. Our activity has greatly increased at the conference as well as special cases. Yes, it is a Rule and yes we agreed some cases need that home visit. Overall, we have to maintain our health to continue the service we provide at the conference.

We must avoid burn out.

Regarding home visits, please prayerfully make a decision if you feel that the Friend you are working with deems a home visit.

3. **Special cases:** Amount available at the end of the day 8/1/22 is **\$9591.36**
4. **Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others:** emailed separately
5. **Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately.
6. **For the Good of the Order:**

As Vincentians, our mission is to help each other get to heaven. We get there by serving the poor, not ourselves. Please don't help yourselves to items in the Conference building, the Food Bank or any items meant for the store. This cuts down on what we have available to give our Friends.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: TBA
- Finance Meeting: Friday, AUGUST 19, 2022 @10:00 a.m.
- THRIFT STORE:
- BOARD MTG: Tuesday 23 AUGUST @ 10am Madonna Hall  
**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

8/7 - Hilary  
8/9 - Ann Lund  
8/26 - JoAnn

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

Adjourned: 5:55 p.m.

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