

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

**Date: 8/8/22**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg (X) Pauline ( ) Other ( ) Time: 5:04 p.m.

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

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Maury Bois, President of SVDP Diocese of Tucson

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

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

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

Kate Polakowski was recognized by Maury Pres of SVDP Diocese of Tucson.

Fr. Greg, and Dennis, her uncle, gave beautiful speeches telling of her many, wonderful acts of kindness for SVdp and more all while maintaining top grade point average a 3.93 GPA home studies and a 4.0 at Cochise College. She will be studying nursing. We will miss her while she is away.

**Old Business:**

1. Pauline and Diane attended the St Andrews Women's Retreat on August 6<sup>th</sup>. They enjoyed the comradery and found it to be very spiritual and meaningful.
2. Scotty reported that he submitted an application for an \$8,000 grant from Arizona Complete Health and we were award \$10,000 to go towards repair of the storage container refrigeration unit. Repair of the unit was initially estimated to be \$8,000 but the latest estimate is \$21,000 so we will continue to seek additional funding.  
 Scotty, Pauline and Diane have been working on a Friends of the Poor grant application for \$5,000 from the National SVdP organization. If we get this highly-competitive grant it will be used for aid to our friends to replace funds conference funds that are used for repair of the refrigeration unit.

## **Upcoming events:**

**August 9:** Corporal Mass

**Please consider attending one of our OZANAM Trainings. We have two dates:**

**September 5, 2022** Labor Day we will be closed

**September 24, 2022.** OZANAM Training in Tucson

**October 1, 2022** OZANAM Training here in Sierra Vista.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. We are so blessed to have the funds to help people. However, I feel we enable our friends by saying how much we can help with on anything. The answer should be “we will see what we can do. One, we may not have the money and two” We know our friend has to have some skin in the game. It has caused a little problem with friends saying, “Well they said you can give.....”  
When talking about funds we can help with, it is suggested to say something like this, “We THINK we can get this, but what amount can YOU come up with?” (DON’T give an amount prior to approval)  
  
Maury pointed out that some of the Tucson Friends have been coming in with needs of \$2,000 and up for rent. Rental costs, and food costs, are rising all across Arizona and people are devastated.
2. The Store update:  
Summaries for payroll and explanation of business interruption have been sent in to the accountant. TRK is moving right along and all of the debris and insulation has been cleared.
3. Toiletries have to be ordered in and are dwindling. Toiletries are to be used for emergency need. Please follow the posted charts for what is supplied as they are based on the household’s family size. Example: the large shampoos/conditioners, toothpastes and 2 rolls of toilet paper, are for larger families.
4. We received **\$618.75** from the Knights of Columbus raffle.
5. Cell phones for work use, and internet are used for online work and school is to be considered a utility.
6. Maury brought Pauline gift cards for our Conference in the amount of \$1500.
7. Maury reported that Basha’s generously donated \$45,000 for the Tucson SVdP Food Bank.
8. IF we get an invitation from Safeway for gift cards we must apply. Because has not shown up in our email traffic thus far, Pauline called the church office to have them look through their emails.
9. Just a reminder to please spend a few extra minutes checking for files that appear to be missing. Most that don’t show up are found by scrolling through the file lists. Check with Blanca before making a new file because we lose important, previous history with the Friend by making a new one.  
When you are done helping a Friend, finish updating their file and close it before greeting the next Friend.  
When closing a Friend’s file make sure to put your name after your notes.
10. Frank Bonvillain works on the Food Bank side and fills our laundry detergent bottles to give to our Friends.  
He has placed full bottles of detergent on the lower shelf in the toiletry closet, the credenza in the double office area and has more in the Food Bank side. We are appreciative of his time and effort.

11. **For safety** please make sure the back door closes completely. The rain has caused it to swell and it doesn't completely latch.  
Don't use the deadbolt to block open as it is bending the deadbolt. Instead, use the kick stand to hold it open when needed.

**12. We will be closed for LABOR DAY**

1. AUGUST COMMITTEE REPORTS: **DUE 12 SEPTEMBER**

2. AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

A. Finance committee meeting on August 19, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

B. Thrift Store committee meeting: TBA

C. Food Bank committee meeting: TBA

D. Board meeting: Tuesday 23 AUGUST @ 10am Madonna Hall

3. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: See For the good of the order

4. Prayer Requests: Emailed separately

5. Vincentian Schedule: Emailed separately

6. For the good of the order:

Diane had a Friend that deeply touched her heart with her story about her life. She came to bring another Friend for a food box. She felt the need to share that her mother, and grandmother, tried to abort her with a hanger and by the Grace of God failed. When she herself was pregnant, they wanted her to abort her child and she refused. She is probably in her 80's and said she has always been a strong woman and it shows. Her story proves that The Lord has a purpose for all life as this lady is still seeking to extend service into her community.

**August birthdays:**

8/7 - Hilary

8/9 - Ann Lund

8/26 - JoAnn

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

Adjourned: 5:32 p.m.

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

