

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

Date: 8/15/22

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Pauline (X) Other () Time: 5:01 pm

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

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

Motion by: Ann Lund Seconded by: Larry

Attendance: Total Active Members (34) LOA () Present (25) Absent (9) Excused () Quorum (17)

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		Associate Member	
Al	X	Janet	X	Pat	X	Maria	
Ann Faust.	A	Jerry	X	Pauline	X	Barbara S	
Ann L	X	JoAnn	A	Sandra	X	Ann Fellrath	
Dennis	X	Jose	X	Scotty	X	Michaela	
Diane	X	Kathy	X	Toni	X		
Dotti	A	Larry	X	Yolanda	A	Visitors	
Estela	X	Margaret	X			Steve Rietker	X
Francisca	A	Marianne	A				
George	A	Marge	X			Training	
Gini	X	Martha G.	A			Tillie Munoz	
Glenn	X	Mary Ellen	X				
Gloria	A	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:

Last Monday was a wonderful tribute to Kate with Father Greg, Maury Bois, and Ilona presenting heart felt messages.

Upcoming events:

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

September 5, 2022 Labor Day we will be closed

September 11, 2022 Ministry Fair. We will need Vincentians to work the booth in between masses.

September 12, 2022 Fellowship meeting.

September 14, 2022 6:00 p.m. Seminar about why utility bills are the price they are and fluctuate so much.

September 24, 2022. OZANAM Training in Tucson

October 1, 2022 OZANAM Training here in Sierra Vista.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A thank you will be going into bulletin to the congregation for the generosity from donations received from the collection on 7 July. We are so blessed.
2. Pauline was speaking with a Friend, with 6 children, came from Wisconsin escaping from her bad situation. When asked how she came to know Sierra Vista, she said she did a search of which states worked with Section 8 and FL, AZ and CO came up and Cochise County responded the quickest. She was already established with Section 8 and was able to transfer it to Arizona. Has anyone ever heard of this?
3. Pauline will be in NY the entire week and hope we have Vincentians who can help with these tasks:
 - SEPTEMBER 11, Ministry Fair. We will need Vincentians to work the booth in between masses.
 - SEPTEMBER 12 Fellowship meeting. Suggestion of Vinny's being delivered? Going to Vinny's?
 - SEPTEMBER 14 Seminar about why utility bills are so the price they are and fluctuate so much. 6 PM for about a 30 minute presentation, speaker Lea Marquis Petersen, AZ Corp Commission. The commission's scope of responsibility is generally larger than most commissions in other states. Some of its major duties include regulating public utility companies, regulating the incorporation of businesses and organizations, securities regulation, and railroad/pipeline safety.
 - Lea Marquis Petersen was appointed to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Subcommittee on Nuclear power. She was also appointed Co-Vice Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Committee on Water.
 - The Palo Verde Generating Station is located in the Arizona desert, and is the only large nuclear power plant in the world that is not located near a large body of water. The power plant evaporates the water from the treated sewage from several nearby cities and towns to provide the cooling of the steam that it produces.
 - A table with other organizations should we want to set up at the Senior Center in Huachuca City.
 - Larry pointed out that President Biden is signing the Inflation Reduction Acts
 - *Pauline's note: any more questions please email me or I can be reached at 520-507-1165. Thanks for participating. Deb Trate, Town of Huachuca City Councilor*
4. Liberty Water has an AD in The Herald stated if there is difficulty paying a bill-they stated, "WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. "
 - Can someone look into this and report back as to what help is available?
 - If a Friend comes in and their water is about to be shut off, or already is shut off, and the bill exceeds \$275 (using Legacy and Utility acct) please call the S/C board immediately to see if funds can be approved that day. Being without water can be life threatening.
 - Ann Lund had a Friend that Liberty worked with for 1/3 down and the remainder within 3 months.
5. The Store update:
 - No more donations are currently being taken in as storage is full.
 - The cleaning up of debris is done and wiring is being strung.
6. SVdP is the recipient of a bequest from estate of Billy and Elfriede Pack. Their generosity came at a providential time for our conference responding to the need of the less fortunate.
7. Scotty will submit an application for a SVdP "Friends of the Poor grant" next week. Using the Grant

Station software that the Conference purchased for \$169 for a two year subscription (usually \$600/year) he located another possible grant opportunity for which he will apply when that grantor accepts applications just after the 1st of September. He is citing the unexpected costs related to the ceiling collapse and the refrigeration unit failure as the emergency need of grant funds.

8. Are we doing our very best for the Friend?

- Generational Poverty. Systemic Change.
- We need to be aware that many of our Friends feel they have no hope of getting out of their circumstances. Try to give our Friends encouragement for the upcoming month. How can we help them to help themselves? How can we restore hope?
- Scotty shared an email regarding
- Larry shared that Move City Church is doing a monthly finance class. We can suggest to our Friends to attend these classes. Many of our Friends don't even have the money to begin to save or budget. He pointed out that as Vincentians we need to remind them that God loves them and that He is with them. We need to pray with our Friends.
- Diane suggested that our Friends might go to these classes in combination with our financial help.
- Ann Lund pointed out that even 5-10 years ago, a minimum of \$37k was needed for a single parent of a preschooler, and one in elementary to barely meet the needs with no benefits, no extras, zero luxuries. We need to figure out how to ask a Friend how they can meet the goal to not need outside, financial help to meet their immediate goals. "Where do you want to be next month?" "We enjoy seeing you, but how can you meet your goals to be independent?"
- Mary Ellen pointed out that we need to look beyond what our eyes are seeing.
- Ilona pointed out how many of our Friends come here to help a family member and when the family member moves on it leaves the Friend struggling, searching for jobs, etc. Many do not know how to present themselves properly for an interview. Give an example: "Back in the day we had our resume updated, dress appropriately, and walk into a business and turn in their application." The Friend might also want to point out to the interviewer that they also have their resume on Indeed.
- Toni will call Jennifer's House/Wanderlust Kaffe to see if they still have clothing for interviewing.

9. Marge had some food for thought on how to help our Friends grow in their own pride while also helping themselves. A city garden for Friends to work with growing the foods that they are helping to help their own family. Kathy pointed out that GNA has, in the past, had some raised garden beds. Maybe the Friends that stay there might work in the gardens.

10. Mary shared that S.A.H.A.R.A. has a small food bank and they give food boxes out weekly to anyone in need. They do not require a Huachuca City residency.

11. Our Food Bank was given 200 dozen eggs from Fry's. The USDA inspector said they couldn't be sold as labeled because they were too small to be labeled as large by the vendor.

AUGUST COMMITTEE REPORTS: DUE SEPTEMBER 12th

A: FOOD BANK:

B: THRIFT STORE REPORT:

C: FINANCE REPORT:

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

1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

Toni told about a woman that had been doing so well and decided to help others. She was taken advantage of and lost her home, her savings and is now living in her car, sometimes with her grandchildren, and came for food. When she got sick, had no more funds, her boyfriend and his family, left her to fend for herself. She helps a family by cooking for them in exchange for her meal.

2. HOME VISITS:

Norm and Ann Lund visited a Friend, Derek, for rent and utilities.

Diane and Pauline did a home visit to family whose young daughter was in a car accident while pregnant. Baby is a preemie and adorable. They were also in need of diapers.

Diane and Pauline home visit to young dad and a 1 year old.

This wouldn't have been known if there hadn't been a home visit.

3. Special cases: Amount available as of 8/15/22 a.m. **1075.82**

- Ideas were discussed for how to extend the funds further into the month.
- A Motion was made by Mary Ellen to change the Special Case time limit based upon the last date of assistance from 90 days to six (6) months. To be started immediately, August 16, 2022. Seconded by Al, Approved by all

4. Please remember to record the **Vincentian's name** before closing the Friend's file.

1. AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

B. Thrift Store committee meeting: TBA

C. Food Bank committee meeting: TBA

D. Board meeting: Tuesday, August 23rd @ 10am Madonna Hall

2. Prayer Requests: Emailed separately

3. Vincentian Schedule: Emailed separately

4. For the good of the order:

Gini went over reports and found entries for Utilities that went over the \$150 cap without a Special Case. Anything over \$150 is a Special Case.

Pay attention to the MAX for each files funding.

Put the categories/file on the check stub.

Kate must authorize help from St. Andrew, record it in the file.

Record check # and acct # in the Friend's file.

August birthdays:

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

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

Adjourned: 6:25 pm

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