

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

Date: 8/22/22

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

**Time: 5:04 P.M.**

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

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

Motion by: Ann L    Seconded by: Gini

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34) LOA ( ) Present (20) Absent (14) Excused ( ) Quorum (17)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>Associate Member</b>	
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	X	Jose	A	Scotty	X	Michaela	
Diane	A	Kathy	A	Toni	X		
Dotti	X	Larry	X	Yolanda	A	<b>Visitors</b>	
Estela	A	Margaret	X			Chuck	X
Francisca	A	Marianne	X				
George	X	Marge	A			<b>Training</b>	
Gini	X	Martha G.	X			Tillie Munoz	
Glenn	A	Mary Ellen	A				
Gloria	A	Mary	A	Father Greg *	A		
Hilary	X	Michael C	A	Stan *	A		
Ilona	A	Norm	X				

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

**Absent 30+ days:**

Pauline presented Scotty with his 5 year pin.

**Old Business:**

1. Mary Ellen, along with Truly Nolen, helping Teresa with clearing bedbugs from her apartment. She takes Teresa's clothing, bedding, etc., to immediately wash/dry while Truly Nolen treats.
2. Are we doing the very best for our Friends or are we enabling?
  - A. Norm had Friends that came in requesting \$200 to pay towards \$400 on their phone purchase price. He explained we are basically the last hope for urgent cases and that maybe they should consider a simpler, cheaper phone like his which is a track phone paid monthly.
  - B. Larry had a Friend wanting \$400 for car repairs. He stays at home while his wife walks to work. Larry encouraged him try some options, including working in the evenings. If he could come back with an estimate and half of the bill he would try to help.
  - C. Look at their file history and look for the frequent use of our funds.
3. SPECIAL CASES are every six (6) months from the last S/C the Friend had. 90 days on

other help.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Upcoming events:**

September 5, 2022 CLOSED Labor Day

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

September 12, 2022 Fellowship meeting.

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

September 24, 2022 OZANAM Training in Tucson

October 1, 2022 OZANAM Training here in Sierra Vista.

November 5, 2022 Bazaar

1. Pauline discussed keeping a Log Sheet in the Check Writing Room. This would keep track of hours and mileage our Vincentian's do, outside of the Conference.  
It would include Name, Date, time spent and mileage (GPS can determine miles between)
  - A. Delivery of rent/utility/hotel checks
  - B. Home visits
  - C. Visit a prisoner
  - D. Food Box
  - E. Paying for prescriptions/shoes/phone cards/T-Mobile phone start ups
  - F. Transit station
  - G. Maintenance at the Thrift Store.
  - H. Helping Friends outside of the office, such as Handyman services of ramps, a/c, etc.
  - I. OTHER:

Dotti inquired what these help with. Keeping track of these things helps when Scotty applies for grants and end of the year reports. He shared that he breaks down the number of food boxes vs how many families, and individuals, it actually helps. Each food box supplies approximately 3 meals for an average size family. We help feed approximately 8,000 meals in a month and in a year's time, feeding apx. 18,000 people.

2. Ann Lund has a sign-up sheet for Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Ministry Fair. We need people to help set up before Mass at the following times:
  - A. 7:30-8:00 Scotty and Larry
  - B. 8:45-9:45 Norm and Ann Faust
  - C. 10:40-11:40 Marianne McWilliams (we need one more as this is a busy Mass)**
  - D. 12:45- breakdown and bring SVdP supplies back to Conference that day or next.  
(This is the same day as the Parish Picnic)
3. Toni checked into the Wanderlust Kaffe/Cinderella's Closet. They used to loan clothing to women for job interviews. They are no longer offering this option. They do have Jennifer's House, for women that are 30 days clean. It is similar to Hoop's House for men.
4. The Fellowship Meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> will be a short meeting and depart to home.
5. Janet will be filling in for Yolie for the Special Case Board. Ann L will be checking in while she travels. If you have two yes answers, from Janet and Jerry, consider it approved.
6. Thrift Store report: Pauline is working with the adjuster and the accountant for business interruption reimbursement. The drywall has been delivered, anchors for rolled batting

insulation to be installed, ceiling installation and taping to begin soon. The new ETA is the end of September.

7. Dotti pointed out that some of the huge SSVEC bills may be caused by our Friend's oxygen condensers for their oxygen. If they are new to using these they may not realize that it can cause their bills to go up 2 or 3 times what they were paying. Suggest that they get in touch with SEACAP, Salvation Army re: Crisis, or Real Wishes.
8. Be cautious when giving money at the grocery store when they ask if you'd like to donate to the "local" food bank. Consider donating directly to the Food Bank.
9. Turkey boxes will still be offered this year.
10. Al pointed out that we record our Friend's D.O.B. and that is a risk for identity theft. To protect our Friend's only put their year of birth when we make new Friend files and when we update their current files.

**11. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

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

Thrift Store committee meeting: TBA

Food Bank committee meeting: TBA

Board meeting: Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10am Madonna Hall

**12. AUGUST COMMITTEE REPORTS: DUE SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

A: Food Bank:

B: Thrift Store Report:

C: Finance Report:

D: The Poor Box Report: Hilary ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) August:

**13. Special Cases: Amount available \$450.82 for August**

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

- Ann Lund had a Friend with a \$385 Liberty Water and \$400 SSVEC, and SWG grant was given to the Friend. She reminded that Liberty can help, if the Friend's water has not been shut off yet, by doing a payment plan. 1/3 up front, the balance would be over 3 months. If it has been shut off the entire amount is required, plus a fee for turning it on.
- SWG has a grant that our Friends can apply for but it is not going to help immediately.
- Pauline met a nice young man that said he can't stay with his family. He had been in prison and only has his prison I.D. to try for an ADOT I.D. He needs to get his Birth Certificate. Sadly he does not even know his mother's name, and only his father's first name. Pauline noted that his penmanship was wonderful but his ability to spell was very low, which may be a problem in applications, etc.
- Sandee received a call directly from Liberty Water concerning a young mother that needed immediate help for \$60 or a shut off by 5a.m. Sandee worked with her to set her

up in SVdP files as she had never been in. Sandee took a check in and then called first thing in the morning to tell them it was in their Drop box.

- Jerry shared that a Friend at Blue Horizon whose husband died years ago and her benefits never increased as they should have. Her rent is more than she makes per month. Not speaking English well is part of her difficulty in finding help. Jerry was able to help her with a part of her rent.
- Al shared that he met a tiny, 75 yr old woman that is still working as a truck driver. Her employer owes her \$9500. She was given information for a lawyer.
- Scotty shared a past story of a Friend, a single mother, coming in for a food box and help with utilities. She had just had a double mastectomy and was struggling. He was not able to help her with utilities because the last of the utilities had gone to an able bodied individual. Explain to our able bodied Friends that we have to say no because we are here to help another that truly in dire need.
- Dotti gave KUDOS to Dennis for helping a Friend with a ramp. Her husband has cancer and her adult daughter has Spina Bifida and she is caretaker for both of them.

FYI-Blue Horizon is under new ownership and changing their name to Fixed Income Hotel.

#### 15. **For the Good of the Order:**

Due to the expansion and remodeling of the Douglas Port of Entry , (For example 5 years ago 60,000 trucks, and 3.5 million cars were coming in at the Port of Entry. Much more is expected.) Cochise College is offering a CDL course. 12 credit/4 week course at the Douglas Campus (4 students per month). Cochise College has the tractor truck to practice with. Encourage our Friends to call Cochise College/Workforce Development.

Pauline is going to ask Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, a philanthropic organization, to come speak at our meeting. They have \$37,000 in grant money that no one has applied for. It does not expire until February 2023.

Pauline also said to tell our Friends that the University of Arizona is offering IT degree grants for any STEM program. This includes books and tuition. Contact Linda Denno.

JoAnn Schneider's birthday is August 26<sup>th</sup>.

16. **Prayer requests:** emailed separately

17. **Vincentian Schedule:** emailed separately

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

**Adjourned: 6:04 p.m.**

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