

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

Date: 8/29/22

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Pauline (X) Other () **Time:** 5:01p.m.

Spiritual Reading: Fr. Greg () Margaret () Other (X) Pat Gorecki read to us from Goodbye and Hello

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

(Not enough for a Quorum. Need approved 9-12-22)

Motion by: Seconded by:

Attendance: Total Active Members (34) LOA (1) Present (14) Absent 20) Excused () Quorum (17)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Absent 30+ days:

Upcoming Events:

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September 5, 2022 CLOSED Labor Day

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

Mass at 10:40 and 12:45

September 12, 2022. Fellowship meeting.

October 1, 2022 OZANAM Training Benson Our Lady of Lourdes' hall at 9:00 am.

October 1, 2022 WALK FOR THE POOR

November 5, 2022 Bazaar

Old Business:

1. Are we doing our very best for the friend? Are we enabling them?
2. Special Cases are every 6 months from the last date of the Special Case the friend had. However, check the file for frequent use of our funds.
3. Our focus is families with children, the elderly, and the handicapped. Thus, Special Cases for singles and couples has been extended to once a year from the last date of the Friend's previous Special Case. To start immediately.
4. We are very short staffed. We need a least **three** Vincentians at Conference daily. Check the schedule. Even providing 2 hours of your time at the start of each day would help.

NEW Business:

5. Did you see the Herald article featuring Scotty at the Ethel Berger event? Thank you for representing us Scotty!
6. A new Tracking Sheet is in the check writing room. This will log the hours and mileage for the duties we take care of outside of the office.
7. The items from Harpers are in the conex and Stan has organized it into shopping carts. You are welcome to go in and see what we have and take mental note to hand out in the conference. If a Friend is in need of clothing, etc., please provide it from the items available. Could someone create a list?
8. Attending the Sierra Vista Connection once a month at the Ethel Berger has been discussed. It has been decided that we will not have a table at this event.
9. **OCTOBER 1**, the Walk for the Poor. Please attend the Mass before the walk, even if you will not participate in the walk, to represent us. There will be more information to come. Pauline will send the flier out to everyone in case they have a Facebook page to post it to.
10. Special Cases due the first of next month can be requested. Our Friends need to be encouraged to get some of the money towards the rent. We are working on encouraging our Friends to become more responsible. Until the Special Case is approved neither the landlord nor the Friend will not be notified until the 1st of the month.
For extreme emergencies, \$1,000 can be transferred to the fund from National into the account.
11. The Pino Foundation honored us with a donation of \$10,000.
12. The \$10,000 AZ Health Grant, that Scotty applied for to replace the refrigeration unit, was granted.
13. The Cochise County Fair in Douglas, September 23-25. A sign-up sheet to help SVdP booth is coming out. The DISTRICT 5 CONFERENCES are participating.
14. **OZANAM** Training is this Thursday, October 1st. @Benson Our Lady of the Lourdes.
15. There is a sign-up sheet for Sunday, Sept. 11th 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** 1. _____ 2. _____ **(WE NEED TWO PEOPLE 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)
16. Thrift Store: Insulation is up. Drywall was delivered. Electrical wiring is up. Paint for the floors has been ordered.
17. If any of our Friends have construction experience and are looking for work that TRK is still hiring.

AUGUST COMMITTEE REPORTS: DUE SEPTEMBER 12th

- A: Food Bank:
- B: Thrift Store Report:
- C: Finance Report:
- D: The Poor Box Report: Hilary () _____ () August:

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: September 30, 2022 @ 11a.m.
- Finance Meeting: September,____, 2022
- Thrift Store: September,____, 2022
- Board Meeting: Held August 23 @ 10am Madonna Hall

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

Mary had 2 touching cases:

1. Scott Mase and family, with 2 children, 11 and 15, that already had DES paying their back rent and the apartment complex still had the police evict them. Shelters were full so Mary called St. Andrew's who paid for 2 nights. If GNA cannot get them into Rapid Housing Program immediately, they will call GNA daily. They can return for up to a week for a hotel if GNA cannot take them.
2. Gustava Cruz and Denise Rosa brought their family including a 3 month old and a 5 year old. Their phones are already turned off. Mary told him about T-Mobile free phone. They were behind in back rent and fees, of \$647. September rent is \$460. They called after hours and said their parent could pay \$200. St. Andrews will cover \$250 and Utilities for \$100. He delivers packages, minimal hours. Mary told him he needs to find a job that fills in. Denise is also looking for work. Mary will request a Special Case from the emergency funds tomorrow for the outstanding \$287.
3. Larry and Pauline have a Friend, with two teen boys, he has spent time in jail, he had been beat up and he was extremely stressed, very animated and highly agitated, over his \$64 phone bill. He stressed over not wanting a hand out. Larry explained that this was a hand up, not a hand out. Larry and Pauline both said that prayers worked! He was doubtful. Larry told him that this was Divine Providence.

HOME VISITS: Al and Janet delivered a Food Box.

Food for thought:

- Pauline shared an article that said 3.8 million people will be evicted in the next 2 months.
- Al shared that a report in the National news that 1 in 6 Americans are behind in utilities.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

October 1st Mass before the Walk for the Poor.

Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others: emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Greg Pauline Other Ann Lund

Adjourned: 5:52p.m.

Recorder: Toni (Secretary) Other -