

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 9-12-22**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg ( ) Pauline ( ) Other (X) Ann Lund      **Time: 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes 8/22/22

Motion by: Larry    Seconded by: Mary

(X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes 8/29/22

Motion by: Larry    Seconded by: Hilary

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34) LOA (2) Present (17) Absent (17) Excused ( ) Quorum (17)**

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

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

**Absent 30+ days:** LOA Francisca, Marianne

**Old Business:**

**Upcoming Events:**

- September 23-25, 2022 Cochise County Fair in Douglas
- October 1, 2022 Mass before the Walk for the Poor
- October 1, 2022 Walk for the Poor
- November 5, 2022 Bazaar

**NEW Business:**

1. Anthony Reed from United Way came to talk to us about funds to help our Sierra Vista friends with rent and utilities.
  - \$77,209 has been granted for Friends with addresses in Sierra Vista (85635 - 85650)
  - These funds must be used between 10/1/22 through 3/31/23 or the city takes it back.
  - \$5,000 for food in these areas: \$3,500 of that is to be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to be distributed through the Dream Center. \$500 to AZ Prep for

kids. . \$1,000 to the SVdP Food Bank.

- \$35,000 for rent. The rule is a one-time, up to \$375/household. \$19,000 for Utilities a one-time, up to \$300/household.
- \$3,000 to GNA for hotel vouchers. Brad will be who to contact.
- \$7,500 to Arizona Housing Connection for Homeless Assistance.
- Any funds not used will roll back into rent and utilities.

2. **Ministry Fair** had 4 possibly interested and donations.

3. **Tuesday, Sept 13th** is SVdP Corporal Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

4. **October 1, WALK FOR THE POOR...**more info to come. I will send the flier out to all in case you have a FB page to post it.

5. **Food Bank:**

- When getting a food box to deliver, please turn the slip in just before needing it filled.
- Filling the fridge with water bottles will be the Vincentians responsibility.
- Bread shortages may cause the Food Bank to have to purchase bread.
- Milk and frozen meats are carefully checked. Meat is good 10 days past the shelf date (and is frozen immediately upon pick up) Unopened milk is 5-7 days beyond the date.
- Ask our Friends their situation for food. Car? Bicycle? Walking? Refrigeration available? Are they able to cook? It helps to know how to pack their food box.
- If homeless, please don't automatically check the Transient Food Box. A Transient box is for the Friends that have neither of those and need shelf stable foods.  
EXAMPLE: If the Friend has a hotel room with a microwave/refrigerator or a camp stove, they can get a food box.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> begins the sign-ups for the Thanksgiving Turkey Boxes. At our next meeting, we will review the sign-up sheets and discuss the process and particulars.

6. **Store update:**

- Mary Ellen shared that the ceiling has been taped, textured, painted and the floor is next.
- Dennis shared that the furnace/bathroom drywall is wet and they are locating the leak.
- We are taking donations M-W-F 9:00-12:00

7. **September's Board Meeting** date will need to be rescheduled as Pauline has to go to the airport.

8. **FREE PHONES:** Stand Up Wireless ACPO lifeline program has a tent and table set up on Bartow near 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Monica Armenta (520-987-1131) indicated that she will be there for at least another week. Sun -Mon 8:00-5:30. Our Friends need an unexpired ID and be on some form of government assistance program – Food Stamps, ACCHS, SSI, or have a low income. Tablets are also available for \$10.

9. **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.

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

1. **SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS: DUE October 3, 2022**

2. **AUGUST COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A: FOOD BANK:

B: THRIFT STORE REPORT: \$600 from sidewalk sale

C: FINANCE REPORT:

D: The POOR BOX REPORT: Hilary reported \$391.25 for August.

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

- Ilona had a Friend that she had to turn down for rental help. The Friend became frustrated, angry and got loud.
- Mary had a Friend with a small family that has been living in hotels. They spend everything for the hotel and don't have savings to get a rental. They were told one child needs counseling but they refuse stating the strength of their love will suffice in place of professional help.

**Home visits:** Dotti had one set up but they ended up finding help elsewhere and canceled.

**Special cases:** As of 9/12/22: \$7,800.72

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

**Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately.

**Conference could use someone from 2:00-4:00 on Tues, Weds and Thursday.**

- Food Bank Meeting: September 30, 2022 @ 11a.m.
- Finance Meeting: September,\_\_\_\_, 2022
- Thrift Store: September,\_\_\_\_, 2022
- Board Meeting: **TBA @ 10am** Madonna Hall

**For the Good of the Order:**

September birthdays

9/5	Chavez, Yolanda	<b>and</b>	9/5	Gorecki, Pat
9/8	Gaun, Martha		9/11	Fredericks, Pauline
9/14	Adolf, Fr. Gregory		9/24	McDaniel, Diane
9/26	Gaun, George		9/29	Arthur, Gini

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

**Adjourned: 6:16 p.m.**

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