

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 11/28/22

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline
Spiritual Reading: Diane

Time: 5:00

Minutes of 10/24/22 Meeting: () Read/Approved; Approved with Changes

Motion by: Seconded by:

Minutes of 11/14/22 Meeting: (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes

Motion by: Ann Lund Seconded by: Larry

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

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Pauline opened the meeting with the following comments:

Update on Margaret: Margaret fell while walking, broke her glasses, and sustained a concussion; she is recovering.

Welcomed Kathy Calabrese, a prospective new Vincentian and Colleen Zuhlke who is in training.

Marge mentioned that Marissa Fusco passed on 27 Nov 22.

Old Business:

WHERE IS THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL BANNER? Last seen at Ministry Sunday in September.

Lupita gave the banner to Larry.

1. Turkey Box report: 345 out of 400 boxes were given out. The Ladies of St Andrew gave the Food Bank a check for \$3,500 plus another \$500 from their meeting.
2. St Nicholas Fair: The Fair is Sunday, 4 Dec 22 from 8-12; please support.

NEW Business:

1. The Conference will be closed 23 and 26 December 2022 for Christmas and 2 January 2023 for New Years. Mary Ellen will work with Shelly on what the Thrift Store will do.
2. We need Vincentians...please minister to those you think would love it as much as we do and bring them in for a talk,
3. The note from Ed Graveline regarding the 16 December Party. If anyone has a family who will attend the 16 December festivity at the Columbian Hall, please get their names and ages to Ed by Friday. Both Mary and Larry may have names for Ed. We can give Ed 20 names. Per email from Ed today - **LIST IS FULL; NO NAMES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM US.**
4. I am away 3-12 December. Ann Lund will be here and Larry Powers will be standing in for me.
5. The Thrift Store and the school children event. The event is 7 and 9 December from approximately 9:00-10:00. Mary Ellen sent out an email with the details of the event. Mary Ellen also talked about the Angel Tree Program that the Salvation Army is sponsoring.
6. Fellowship 12 December – cookie exchange. A cookie exchange was discussed for the next fellowship meeting. More will be discussed at the 5 December meeting.
7. Epiphany Party. Epiphany party will be a pot luck on 9 January. Another announcement will be made at a later meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

8. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: Diane's case of the woman with the turkeys and other...about the woman... Pauline read a short bio on this woman who was a very accomplished person, musician and aerialist who is now in the situation of possibly being evicted from her home because of all the animals she has and the infestation of mice in her house. St Paul's Missionary Church is helping and her name is on the GNA list for housing. Diane wanted to know if the Knights could help. Further information is needed before the Knights can get involved.
9. HOME VISITS:
 - a. Pauline and Larry had a visit with a woman who needed a hot water heater. She had two estimates both of which were very expensive. Scotty reminded us that the city has funds for homeowners who need help.
 - b. Pauline and Larry visited a Veteran who needed help with his rent because his daughter used her father's money to pay for her divorce without her father's knowledge. The Warrior Healing Center helped pay the Veterans rent.
 - c. Mary and Yolie visited the gentleman in Huachuca City to see what help we could provide.
10. Special cases: Amount available - \$8,699 available as of 28 Nov 22. Discussion ensued about paying December's rent with November money. If no money is available, the friend will have to come back in December; if funds are still available, a Special Case can be done.
11. Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others: emailed separately. Please add Margaret, Dottie and Stan's sister Melissa in your prayers.
12. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**
 - a. Pauline asked Scotty to find out when the next Sierra Vista City Council Meeting is after 13 December so that we can show up to thank the City for paving the parking lot.
 - b. Gini reminded everyone about the AZ tax credit that can be done for St Vincent de Paul - \$500 for a single person and \$1,000 for a couple. Information can be found on the Arizona Tax Credit website.
 - c. Hilary mentioned that the firefighters at Fire Station #3 are doing a Christmas drive for children newborn to 12 years old who live in Sierra Vista. People need to go to the Fire Station and register and must bring identification/birth certificates, and a copy of a utility bill showing their address. Dates for sign up are 2 and 3 December from 8-1200. Huachuca City Fire Station is also doing a drive; requirements unknown.
 - d. Scotty secured a grant from the Catholic Foundation for \$20,000. The money came from an anonymous donor and is to be used for rent and utilities. Discussion ensued about combining some of the money used for rent and utilities. This is a board issue.
 - e. Mary reminded us that the communal Mass is Tuesday 13 December.
 - f. Mary also shared that since retirement, she started attending a daily Mass for each of her children to return to the Church. Her prayers have been answered with her son's returning to the Church.

g. Committee and poor box reports are due 5 December 2022.

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: TBD
- Finance Meeting: TBD
- Thrift Store: 13 December 2022
- BOARD MTG: **January 2023**@ 10am, Madonna Hall

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

Adjourned: 6:10

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

December Birthdays:

4 Dec: Shelly

5 Dec: Toni

15 Dec: Stan

16 Dec: Norm

27 Dec: Gloria