

**MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING
Date:12/19/2022**

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg () Pauline (X) Other () Time: 5:00 P.M.

Spiritual Reading: Margaret (X) Other ()

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes
Motion by: Ann Lund; 2nd by: Larry

10/24/22: Read/Approved; Approved with Changes:
Motion by: Ann Lund; 2nd by: Larry

11/28/22: Read/Approved; Approved with Changes:
Motion by: Ann Lund; 2nd by: Larry

Attendance: Total Active Members (34); LOA () Present (18) Absent (16) Excused () Quorum (17)

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

Absent plus 30 days: *Stan and Father Greg -not included in Quorum

Toni's not here because her son is in the hospital and she is in California.

Scotty is sick.

Dennis' dog was attacked by another dog today and did not make it.

Yolie's daughter, Marie, is in the ICU in Texas. Her sister, Sylvia, had by-pass surgery today.

Old Business:

1. We're going to have a wonderful epiphany party on January 9, 2023. It will be a potluck please mark your calendars and save the date.
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. Closed 23 and 26 December 2022 and 2 January 2023. There will be a meeting on 2 January 2023.

New Business:

1. We need to be conservative with our Utility Fund and when we can we will shift the use of the money, we will. Thus, we will not use \$150 utility fund when it is a case where utilities are included in the rent. We never really have an accurate amount of those utility costs and just plop the \$150. The included utilities are generally trash and water and most likely does not exceed \$50. We need to verify with the landlord which utilities are included in the rent.
 - a. Much discussion ensued and further guidance will be forthcoming.
 - b. We need to start giving our friends the Southwest Gas grant application.
 - c. We need to be using the LIRA program.
2. We have the new fund from the 20K grant from Catholic Foundation called Shepherd – we will budget \$2000 per month until 30 September 2023. These are the guidelines:
 - a. It's for utilities for rent.
 - b. \$100 per household ONE TIME ONLY.
 - c. Use this as another add on in serious situations.
 - d. Use this fund first for households outside of Sierra Vista.
3. Let's review the funds we have:
 - a. Fernandez (\$100 for families with children)
 - b. United Way (\$375 rent and \$150 utility (cut off notice)) for resident in Sierra Vista only. When available, use this fund first before any other funds for friends in the Sierra Vista zip codes.
 - c. Special Case (\$375 for rent and other disasters).
 - d. Utility fund (\$150 max-cut off notice).
 - e. Single parent home dollars.
4. CRICKET Phone Company will be set up outside, by the Food Bank, on Fridays and applicants can get a free phone. Please read the fliers Blanca has out.
5. Chicanos Por la Causa program is a parenting program in Arizona. They go to the home and assess preschoolers and get them into a Head Start program. Pauline will invite their spokesperson to come and tell us about the program.
6. Mary told us about a new propane company – Cochise County Farmers Propane, in Wilcox who will deliver to the Sierra Vista area; their prices are less than Barnetts. More information will be provided.
7. Arizona@Works has a monthly printout that lists jobs in the area. Blanca can get this and we can show it to our friends but we cannot give them a copy of the list.

Other Items:

1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:
 - a. Mary and Marge visited the family in Huachuca City and will be delivering some Secret Santa presents to them on Tuesday. Thanks to a Secret Santa and Ilona for the presents. Family still has issues that need to be resolved.
 - b. Mary Ellen's friend, Theresa, had issues in not receiving her money to pay her bills. Her case worker has been working with SSA to get the money reinstated.
 - c. Pauline and Larry's "water heater" lady has refused to let the plumbers in her house. FYI: Real Wishes does and in-depth investigation into those applying for assistance.
2. Home visits: Mary and Marge will visit the family in Huachuca City.
3. Special Cases: Amount available: \$2,495.29
4. Conference Members Sick or in Distress/Prayers for Others: emailed separately and see above.
5. Reports due 2 January 2023:
 - Finance
 - Food Bank
 - Store
 - Poor box

For the Good of the Order:

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Food Bank – 11 January 2023

Finance – 19 January 2023

Thrift Store – 10 January 2023
Board Meeting – 24 January 2023, 10:00 A.M., Madonna Hall

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

Adjourned: 5:55 P.M.

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

Sunday's concert was excellent; we will know what was collected from the free will offering next week.