

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 1/2/23

Call to Order: Pauline

Opening Prayer: Fr. Greg

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

**Minutes of Previous Meeting: 12/19/22 (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes**

Motion by: Ann Lund; 2nd by: Pat

**Attendance: Total Active Members (34) LOA ( ) Present (22) Absent (12) Quorum (17)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>Associate Member</b>	
Al	X	Janet	X	Pat	X	Maria	
Ann F.	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	X	Margaret	X			Chuck Bianco	X
Francisca	X	Marianne	A				
George	A	Marge	X				
Gini	X	Martha G.	A				
Glenn	A	Mary Ellen	X			<b>Training</b>	
Gloria	A	Mary	X	Father Greg *	X	Tillie Munoz	
Hilary	A	Michael C	A	Stan *	A	Steve Rietker	
Ilona	X	Norm	X			Colleen Zuhlke	

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

## **Upcoming Events:**

**January 9, 2023:** Epiphany Party Potluck

**January 11, 2023:** AZ@Work Job Fair 10:00 a.m.

**January 21, 2023:** Jerry Goebles's Funeral @St. Andrews 10:00 a.m. Rosary/10:30 a.m. Mass

- Toniann Goeble: 6650 Carondelet Dr., Apt. #230, Tucson, AZ 85710

**January 22, 2023:** Jerry's Birthday

## **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.

### **NEW Business:**

1. Sandy has taken over making up the backpacks for the homeless. Sandy will bring in apx. 6 backpacks per month. Please add a roll of TP in it before you hand out.
2. Use your discretion when giving backpacks, sleeping bags and tents to our Friends. It is cold out. Tents and sleeping bags have been ordered. Foil blankets being checked into.
3. Marge will check with Steve to see about FEMA blankets.
4. We have cold weather apparel such as long underwear, 2X, 3X zippered sweat jackets and socks.
5. The donation receiving area of the store was robbed. They cut the lock and also tried a second time. Apx \$800 in value of tools and other items. Thanks to Mary Ellen and Dennis it has been addressed. Discussion for security measures, lights, etc.
6. A reminder that we are asking to not use utility funds for rental help when utilities are included. Try to tap the other funds that need to be used (UW Rent/Utilities) before they are no longer available.
7. Our goal is to prevent homelessness. Look deep into your hearts when a Friend comes in and has already had a Special Case. Really look at the reason they are in need, and consult with fellow Vincentians, for guidance. Look to the Holy Spirit.
8. Many of our Friends are working multiple jobs, part time jobs, and can't get enough hours due to schedule conflicts. They are employed, but are actually "under" employed. They struggle if they make too much, their DES is cut for Food Stamps, daycare, etc.
9. **Special cases amount available:** \$15,500 (including UW Funds)
10. **Catholic Foundation Shepherd's Way Grant:** \$2,000/month, \$100/case guidelines
  - Guidelines:
    - a. For utilities or 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.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **A: FOOD BANK:**

**B: THRIFT STORE REPORT:** Sales for December TBA.

**C: FINANCE REPORT:** Gini gave report

- Nov had several generous donations.
- Dec. was a bit behind November's donations.

**D: The POOR BOX REPORT:** Hilary reported \$448.31

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

- Pauline had a non-English speaking lady come in and was in need of rental help. Yolie interpreted via telephone. It turned out her husband just passed away and she was not on the lease and the landlord was not aware of the children living there. A home visit will be done this week to see if she will be able to stay past the end of the month.
- When Pauline stopped by the Food Bank, Weds before hours, she and Stan

found that a lady was bundled in a blanket and sleeping on the sidewalk area in front of Conference. She was brought in to warm up and while talking said she is homeless because her mother doesn't want her around. She turned down help of hotel, GNA, etc., just some food.

**Home visits:**

- Pat drives for Vi-Cap and was notified that this woman needed help as she is going deaf and blind and had no food. Pat and Toni visited an 88 year old lady in Huachuca City. When the Food Box was delivered she told that while she was clearing her old food, fridge emptied, she had fallen and broken her hip. After rehab she is wheelchair bound and has been surviving on some Ramen that she'd had from before she fell. She was embarrassed to have to ask for help. Toni is checking into the Moms Meals program for home delivery of meals.

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

- Glenn has started his treatments.
- Colleen has had a spinal/disc compression and is out for an undetermined time.
- JoAnn is finishing her treatment and doing better.
- Yolie and Hilary are in Texas with her daughter, Maria.
- Shelly is been homebound and off of her feet. Leah has been covering.
- Toni is headed to Cali to follow up on doctors with her adult son, Ben. Praying for some answers.
- Deacon George has a procedure this week.

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

**3. Committee Meetings:**

- Food Bank Meeting: January \_\_\_\_, 2023
- Finance Meeting: January \_\_\_\_, 2023
- Thrift Store: January 10, 2023 @1:00 Mary Ellen's
- Board Meeting: January 24, 2023 @10am Madonna Hall

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Father Greg led the New Year's Commitment Prayer

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Greg

**Adjourned:** 5:50 p.m.

**Recorder:** Toni Mott - Secretary