

MINUTES FOR St. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date:2/27/2023

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

Spiritual Reading: Margaret () Other (X) FATHER GREG

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (34); LOA (6) Present (22) Absent (6) Excused () Quorum (17)

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

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

Old Business:

1. Father Greg spoke on the renewal of the Vincentian spirit and how we continue to be called to help our friends but at the same time, we have to take care of ourselves. Referring to the Sign of the Cross, he emphasized how the vertical intersecting with the horizontal work together as a whole. Father Greg handed out a tri-fold picture for use during Lent, representing the washing of the feet, the prodigal son, and the gathering of all around a table with Christ at its center.
2. If any friend comes in and has any retail experience and is looking for work, recommend that they apply at the store.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pauline passed out a handout on notice of changes in the Special Case and Utility funds which is effective 1 March 2023. There was much discussion on this issue. Guidelines are to be followed; however, it's up to each Vincentian to use discretion when working with a Friend.
2. Any hourly, salaried, or contracted employee cannot volunteer for the organization. This causes a conflict of interest.
3. With a lot of thought in mind and being more frugal, the decision to terminate the 25% employee/volunteer discount was implemented. Because of wage increases and an increased need of vouchers for our friends, this action was necessary.
4. MARCH 13th fellowship. Meet in Divine Mercy Chapel at 6:00 prior to Father Richard Lenten Mission? Just a thought. More discussion at the next meeting.

5. SVDP Retreat 0900-1200: 18 March 2023, Madonna Hall; Mass at 0900 followed by light breakfast foods and talk with our spiritual director Father Greg. More discussion at the next meeting.
6. It was brought up, that using the referral form for AZ@Work might be a confidentiality breach with our Friends. It was decided that this issue would be handled internally, with a Vincentian calling AZ@Work and talking with a representative. Issue will be further worked by Ann Lund with Ann Lee.

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8. **OTHER ITEMS**

1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:
2. HOME VISITS: Janet and Pat did a food distribution to a Friend in Huachuca City.
3. Special cases: Amount available _____
4. Conference Members Sick or in Distress / Prayers for others: Kathy Cammack's valve replacement surgery on Wednesday; for Toni Mott's parents and In-laws, all of whom are having critical medical issues; Glenn; Shelly, who has COVID. Prayers emailed separately

5. **MONTHLY REPORTS...DUE 6 MARCH**

FINANCE REPORT:

FOODBANK REPORT

STORE REPORT

POORBOX REPORT

6. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting March ____ 2023
- Finance Meeting: March 16 2023
- Thrift Store: March 14 2023
- BOARD MTG: ***March 21, 2023***@ 10am Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Fr. Greg () Pauline (X) Other _____ ()

Adjourned: 6:12

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

March Birthday(s):

Francisca 18 March