

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 7/17/23

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Pauline

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Guest Speaker:** Nicole Velasquez from Telecare

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

Motion by Larry: Seconded by: Gloria

**Attendance:** Total Active Members (36) LOA (5) Present (18) Absent (13) 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.	A	JoAnn	LOA	Sandra	X	Ann Fellrath	
Colleen	X	Jose	A	Scotty	A	Michaela	
Dennis	A	Kathy	X	Stephen	A		
Diane	LOA	Larry	X	Toni	X	<b>Visitors</b>	
Dotti	A	Margaret	X	Yolanda	A	AnnLee	X
Estela	A	Marianne	A				
Francisca	A	Marge	X				
George	LOA	Martha G.	LOA				
Gini	A	Mary Ellen	X			<b>Training</b>	
Glenn	LOA	Mary	A	Father Greg *	A	Kathy Calabrese	
Gloria	X	Michael C	X	Stan *	A	Tillie Munoz	
Hilary	X	Norm	A				
Ilona	X						

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

## **Upcoming Events:**

July 22, 2023: Farewell for Father Simon 2-4 Ice Cream social in KINO HALL

July 24, 2023: NO weekly Conference meeting. The next meeting 7/31/23

July 29, 2023: District 5 Meeting in Safford, amidst the Garlic Festival in Willcox.

August 14, 2023: Fellowship Details to be announced.

## **Old Business:**

## **NEW Business:**

1. Pauline has the Ozanam Certificates for the Vincentians that attended. Those Vincentians were not able to be at the meeting tonight.
2. Pauline sent flowers were sent from SVdP for the Memorial of Rev. Virginia Studer to be held at the Presbyterian Church on 22 July @ 10 AM. Virginia supported our Backpack Program.
3. Our funds that we used to help Friends are going fast. If the file for that fund says \$0, do NOT deduct any more funds. This is causing dipping into future funds. The Friend needs to help. Ask questions, why are they in this situation? Do they truly have a need, or is it a want.

4. Pauline is checking into why we are on the window at SSVEC as an emergency funder.
5. Ask and make more detailed notes in the Friend's file. READ the previous input. Some of the details don't match up to their reasons for not working, or why they are needing our help.
6. Maury told of the SVdP Food Bank, a man came in and used the cardboard box to swat the store manager, and she picked it up and swatted him back. Be aware of your surroundings and moods of our Friends. NOTHING is worth your life. Suggestion of having SVPD come and talk about de-escalation in a situation.
7. FELLOWSHIP in August on the 14th. Tonianne, Ms. Grimsley, Barbara Sisneros. We will check with them. There will also be 5 and 10 year pins awarded.
8. In spite of receiving COVID PPP monies, Pauline learned there is a chance we may be eligible for the ERC/Employer Retention Credit for previous Covid 19 and will pursue looking into this.
9. Pauline did a little demo showing a rinse-free body washcloth, just needs water added for the soap, and cloth for wiping dry. We will place them in the backpacks for the homeless.
10. Nicole Velasquez a Case Manager from Telecare. Nikki shared what they do to help our community. She shared their curriculum book, and gave pamphlets for information at the Conference. They are a tremendous support for our Friends for helping them with life skills; accompany our Friends for support, de-escalation, shopping, at doctor appointments, etc. They help by administering medication and more. A perfect example is our own Teresa Blye.
11. The Sound of Freedom  
Our Vincentians that watched the movie, were very moved, it has been put together well. "GOD'S CHILDREN ARE NOT FOR SALE" and "When God tells you to do something, you do it!"  
If you haven't seen it please try to go! It is in the theater until July 26<sup>th</sup>.  
People can Pay It Forward or find free tickets at [www.angel.com/pay-it-forward/sound-of-freedom](http://www.angel.com/pay-it-forward/sound-of-freedom)

- Larry made a motion for NO meeting July 24, 2023. Marge seconded, all were in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: August 7, 2023**

- A: Food Bank Report: \_\_\_\_\_
- B: Thrift Store Report: \_\_\_\_\_
- C: Finance Report: \_\_\_\_\_
- D: The Poor Box Report: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special cases:** Amount available \_\_\_\_

**Spiritual Reading:** Margaret – Kenyan Thirst

**Conference Members Sick or in Distress:**

- Dotti's daughter, Maria, is in the ER, possible TIA.

- Deacon George will be staying at Haven in Hospice Care.

**Prayers for others:** Will be emailed separately

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

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS: TBA**

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting:
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Board Meeting:

**Closing Prayer:** Pauline

**Adjourned:** 6:03 p.m.

**Recorder:** Toni Mott - Secretary