

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 7/31/23

Call to Order: Pauline **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Greg **Time:** 5:00 p.m.

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

Motion by: Mary Ellen Seconded by: Glenn

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (3) Present (17) Absent (19) Quorum (17)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

- August 4, 2023: Check signers meet with Pauline @10:00 a.m.
- August 14, 2023: Fellowship details to be announced. Tonianne, Ms. Grimsley, Barbara Sisneros. There will also be 5 and 10 year pins awarded.
- September 10, 2023: Ministry Sunday
- September 27, 2023: Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
- September 30, 2023: Walk For the Poor

Old Business:

Fellowship August 24th.

NEW Business:

To whom much is given, much will be required (Luke 12:48). If you have heard that line of wisdom, you know it means we are held responsible for what we have. You now have been blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we benefit others.

When you are placed in a room with any Friend, you have to consider it is by Divine providence.

1. Check signers meet with Pauline at National Bank, August 3, @10:00 a.m.
2. Community Partners has funds for Cochise County for Rent, Utilities and Car repairs.
 - At this point there is no CAP.
 - This is to PREVENT homelessness, explain why they need this to stay housed.
 - There is a form that is required.
 - NO names are to be on the front of the form. (make note of it on the back)
 - The description is required showing how the Friend will be homeless without help.
 - Receipts are required.
 - Do NOT write a check without a confirmation of funds received from Community Partners. Pauline will let Brad know we need a phone call vs email approval/disapproval.
 - Make a note of this in the Friend's file, add a note in the "other" section
 - This will be followed up in 30 days to decide if we will have in house CAP vs Community Partner funds.
3. Al came up with some suggested questions to ask a Friend when working with a Friend for rental/utility help. It will be in the Checkbook room. Go over it so that it is in your mind. NEVER go down this list while helping our Friend.
4. To Discern means: to recognize, understand and determine how to go forward especially with a case. If you have a case and are in question, call your fellow Vincentian into the checkbook room to discuss. In most cases we should have a coworker concur with your decision. It helps. Refer to the questionnaire.
5. Pauline gave a mini refresher course on filling out the chart in the Friend's files. This needs updated, along with the information, every visit.
6. A friend of Dotti's talked with Pauline and she wants to donate for one of our funds. She seemed most drawn to Single Moms. She worked at China Lake during the Viet Nam war.
7. The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul is September 27th. Pauline will talk with Stan and see if this can be worked in with the Walk for the Poor.
8. Blanca has the Ozanam Certificates for those that attended in June.
9. LDS is sending our Food Bank 12 (twelve) pallets of meat! The coolers are ready for storage.

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

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

1. **Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**

Mary Ellen had a Friend that was in a fire. She had no ID in order to get help needed. She is currently at Bella Vista and they will work with her.

2. **Home visits:** None this week.

3. **Special cases:** Amount available: \$200
4. **Spiritual Reading:** Margaret, Mustard Seed
5. **Conference Members Sick or in Distress:**
 - Dotti's daughter is back in the hospital still struggling with A Fib.
6. **Prayers for others:** Will be emailed separately
7. **Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting:
- Thrift Store Meeting: August 8, 1:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting: August 29, 2023 @10:00 a.m. Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Fr. Greg

Adjourned: 6:02p.m.

Recorder: Toni Mott - Secretary