

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 8/7/23

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline

Time: 5:02 p.m.

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

Motion by: Hilary Seconded by: Stephen

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (3) Present (21) Absent (12) Quorum (18)

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	A	Michaela	
Dennis	A	Kathy	X	Stephen	X		
Diane	X	Larry	X	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	A			Training	
Glenn	X	Mary	X	Father Greg *	X	Kathy Calabrese	
Gloria	A	Michael C	X	Stan *	A	Tillie Munoz	
Hilary	X	Norm	X				
Ilona	X						

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

- August 14, 2023: Fellowship Tonianne, R. Grimsley, SVdP pins.
- September 4, 2023: Labor Day Conference/Thrift Store Closed
- September 10, 2023: Ministry Sunday
- September 27, 2023: Feast of SVdP
- September 30, 2023: Walk for the Poor and celebrating the Feast of SVdP

Old Business:

FELLOWSHIP August 14: Rose Grimsley will be in attendance as well as Father Greg and we will pay tribute to Rose. Distribution of SVdP yearly pins

NEW Business:

1. Last week we had over 19 new people registered into the system.

2. Managing our funds. We read this together.

We walk with the poor and see them through emergency situations. We need to ask ourselves: Am I seeing them through the emergency or being arbitrarily over helpful?

- Our Guidelines need to be followed. Our guidelines are set in order to help as many Friends as possible.
- Suggested questions to consider when working with a friend for any help particularly rental/utility help.
- When we pay more than the emergency requires, we are cutting into funds for the next Friend in need.
- Ask a Friend has been on the SSVEC account long enough that they can fall back on their original deposit?
- SWG has a LIRA (Low Income Ratepayer Assistance) ask if they have applied.
- SWG grant is back. Have the Friend fill out an application.
- Free phones are available instead of paying a payment. Walmart has a place to turn in a phone for payment.
- When a Friend truly needs internet for work, etc. They can use their cell phones internet, and hot spot. If they are in a rural area, have them check into internet specifically for rural areas.
- Sewer and water may not be an emergency as a payment plan can be set up.
- Mortgage payments are not usually an emergency. It takes months before any action will be taken

3. **To Discern** means: to recognize.

4. Community Partners amount has been capped at \$6000/month.

- This is a Cochise county wide program however our conference will work in the confines of 85635: 85650: and Huachuca City as we always do.
- Discern over the funds
- Write up the Diversion funds request, please elaborate and print legibly.
- Put Friend's name on backside
- Annotate in the Community Partners folder for the request
- Give the request to Blanca for emailing
- Update the Friend's file that CP is pending.
- Much discussion whether we should use our Conference's guidelines.

5. If you make coffee at the end of the day please check that grounds are dumped, coffee pot is cleaned and unplugged.

6. Our Friend's bathroom needs to be checked, frequently throughout the day, for toilet paper and cleanliness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A: Food Bank Report: TBA

B: Thrift Store Report: \$36,201

C: Finance Report: TBA

D: The Poor Box Report: \$262.58

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Ann Lee had a mom that was going for a cesarean on Tuesday, has a son diagnosed with cancer and treatment the same day, needed rental help.
- Norm had a Friend in need of a considerable amount of help towards rent. She was able to come up with that on her own.
- Our Friend that had a house burn down was approved for a place, etc., but did not return phone calls or come back in. Hopefully she is in a safe place and found another source of help.

Special cases: Amount available: \$8,363.44 (Shepherd's Way apx. \$2,000)

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress:

- Deacon George, Martha
- Estela's granddaughter

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting:
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Board Meeting: August 29, 2023 Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Fr. Greg

Adjourned: 6:22 p.m.

Recorder: Toni Mott - Secretary