

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 8/28/23

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline **Time:** 5:01 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes
Motion by: Ann L. **Seconded by:** Larry

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (3) Present (21) Absent (12) Quorum (17)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

- September 4, 2023: LABOR DAY Conference/Store closed.
- September 9, 2023: District 5 meeting in Tombstone.
- September 10, 2023: Ministry Sunday / PARISH PICNIC Please Sign up on the schedule. Wear Vincentian BLUE
- September 11, 2023: Weekly meeting will be in Kino Hall, reports due.
- September 23, 2023: Ozanam Training in SVDP Main office on 6th St. in Tucson
- September 23, 2023: Feast of St. Vincent de Paul September 27th
- September 30, 2023: Walk for the Poor, celebrating the feast of SVDP that is on 9/27 we will hand out grocery bags after masses. Larry is the POC.

Old Business:

1. Pauline gave the Community Partners report.
 - The money is funded by the state and we at SVdP are the only recipients. Starting September 1st, please keep a note on your log sheet if the person is new, and or referred and by whom. Pauline would like to know.
 - \$6k reimbursement on September 1st for August is still pending.
 - It was discussed that if the reimbursement does not come through, we cannot afford to

continue to spend the money if it is not immediately reimbursed.

- Please discern. We agreed on \$600 per case. We are seeing emergencies that will result in needing more diversion funds.
- If the \$6,000 is spent and there is a dire situation, call Pauline or Ann Lund, to see if we have to exceed the \$6000.

NEW Business:

1. A Friend named Fredrick Darling was at Vista Hotel (formerly Bella Vista) and had a heart attack. Thankful Dennis had him in a room and he wasn't on the streets when it happened. Dennis spoke to APS and there isn't anything they can do at this time. He should be able to make it until paid. The new owners are very compassionate and understand SVdP.
2. We will soon have one credit card (Ann Lund's) on file there specifically for Vista Hotel. Do Not call in front of friend, same guidelines, and we will have a "password" Ann Lund and Blanca are setting this up.
3. Mountain Vista MHP and will not take our checks. Fr Greg is aware. He suggested for Pauline be in touch with Matt & Caroline Humphrey to see if they can help find a way to get them to take our check.
4. We are closed Labor Day-please watch the schedule for the 5th—it will be hectic.
5. Fr. Greg is aware of CVMC discharging a patient, at midnight, with nowhere to go. Requested that CVMC calls, during the day, be referred to talk to a Vincentian if they have a homeless to discharge.
6. Larry shared that United Methodist Church on St. Andrews has food distribution weekly.
7. It was shared that the shelter in Bisbee has been taking breakfast to a homeless camp.
8. Janet called City Hall and found that Friends can call and speak to Sherry and maybe make arrangements for a payment schedule for sewer and trash
9. Larry reminded that if a Friend has had their SSVEC for less than 3 years, they may have a deposit that can be used as a payment and convert to Pay as you go plan. SSVEC will do 2 (two) extensions per year.
10. Our Conference provides Food Boxes, Clothing/Furniture vouchers for OLM area.
11. Larry reported on Brian T, who has been coming into the Conference, wanted a ride. We hope he stays safe and on track.
12. Scotty reminded that Good Shepherd **MUST** be spent before the end of September, preferably by mid-September.
13. Clarification regarding Transportation funding. Discussion of deleting the fund was tabled. True emergencies only. (Vehicle A/C is not an emergency)
14. Pauline shared her "4-2-7" relaxation/calming technique:
Breathe in for 4 seconds. Hold for 2 seconds. Breathe out for 7 seconds

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: September 11**

- 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's Friend, with a 2 year old, was working 2 jobs. He was fired and not paid his hours he worked. He is apparently facing eviction, even though he said he paid his rent.
- Al's Friend needed rent deposit, sent by Community Partners, but did not bring the required caseworker from Community Partners. Suggested that she come back Sept.
- Pat, and Janet, had a Friend sent from Community Partners, sent him for help finding a place to live. He's been living in a car. They were able to set him up with a hotel and schedule for The Cove for showers.

2. **Home visits:** No home visits this week.

3. **Special cases:** Amount available: apx \$2,300 / apx \$3,000 Good Shepherd

4. **Spiritual Reading:** Margaret read to us about The Chief Mechanic

5. **Conference Members Sick or in Distress:**

- Glenn got an all clear.
- Dottie and Chuck have Covid, he is in the hospital in Phoenix.
- Deacon George is energetic, joking and feeling good. Martha is rested.

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

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: TBA
- Finance Meeting: Gini returns and will have a meeting September 22.
- Thrift Store Meeting: September 19, 2023 @1:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting: August 29, 2023 @3:00 in Madonna Hall
- Board Meeting for SEPT 26, 2023 @10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 6:06 p.m.

Recorder: Toni Mott - Secretary

