

## MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 9/11/23

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Father Greg      Time: 5:04 PM

**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 (16) Absent (17) Quorum (17)**

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

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum. (This week Father Greg voted to approve the minutes.)

### **Upcoming Events:**

1. WALK FOR THE POOR, September 30 celebrating the feast of SVDP that is on 27 September.
2. Corporal Mass – 12 September 2023.
3. Ozanam Training, 23 September 2023, in Tucson is FULL.
4. SVDP will be closed for Columbus Day, 9 October 2023.

### **Old Business:**

1. Ministry Fair after action report. Those that attended said that people were there but there wasn't a lot of interest. Father Greg suggested that something be put in the bulletin the last weekend of the month and that a Vincentian speak at each Mass.
2. District 5 meeting in Tombstone. Father Greg and Ann Lund attended. They heard about the struggles that other conferences are having. Ann Lee said it was an excellent meeting. She reminded us to get the annual reports in. She also said that there's a lot being done by a few and reported that the SVDP Thrift Store in Benson is opened.

### **NEW Business:**

1. Community Partners. We still have not received the money we committed for August. Pauline was going to call again on Tuesday. Consensus was that once we have received the money owed, we no longer accept their money. According to Marge, GNA is listed as the organization that Community Partners is associated with in Sierra Vista. Question is: why can't we have the money in advance and track it like we do with other accounts?
2. Since everyday fluctuates at SVDP, how about having a Vincentian floater? Good idea but where are you getting the person from since we are shorthanded? Pauline will talk with Blanca about calling a Vincentian if needed.
3. Sierra MHP and payments. Issues have still not been resolved with the MHP taking money from us, so we will not pay any rents for friends who live there. Pauline said that the City of Sierra Vista POC left a message with the manager to contact him but nothing has been done to date. Ann Lee had someone from MHP come in on Monday, worked with him, then had to cancel support because of the issues we are having with them.
4. Shepherds Way Report. Scotty said that all the money was spent and he formulated reports to be provided to the respective organization(s). We had a total of 2 grants for \$40,000 from the Catholic Foundation in Dallas which was to be used by SVDP Conferences for rent and utilities. We provided \$15,606 in utilities assistance and \$24,394 in rental assistance. Also, during the year Scotty got a grant for \$10,00 for the cooler in the Food Bank truck.
5. Special Case Committee members are Mary, Ann Lund, and Yolie. Jerry is substituting for Mary who is away for a month. Mary is the Chair of the committee.
6. On 18 September, we will have a guest from a Veterans Organization who will address housing for homeless Veterans.
7. Turkey Box Signup will begin on 2 October.
8. Food Bank and Food Bank Committee. Larry wants the committee to have hands-on knowledge and experience of how the Food Bank works; i.e., where does the food come from – what is bought and what is donated; who/what determines what goes in the boxes; how much waste is there; are there any vendor donations that are free other than the bread donor; can a box be set up outside the Food Bank for items not wanted by a friend? Stan has done and is doing an excellent job and has all the corporate knowledge for running the Food Bank but what if, for any reason, Stan is not available, how/who can jump in and run the Food Bank. Current members of the Food Bank Committee are Jerry, Estella, Sandy, Ilona, Toni, and Larry (Chair). There was much discussion on this issue and more information will follow.
9. Pauline mentioned that 2 Wednesday volunteers in the Food Bank not only donate their time but also have generously donated funds.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: September 11**

**A:** Food Bank Report: 19,500 purchases; 1,025 boxes for August

**B:** Thrift Store Report: About \$1,700 per day

**C:** Finance Report: Gini returns this week.

**D:** The Poor Box Report: \$482.63

### **Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**

- Ilona and Ann Lund had the same friend come in asking about his rent. He had the money for most of the rent but neither Ilona or Ann could reach the apartment manager. It was stated that this was either Casa Bella or Sierra Casa Bella. Pauline said that they only have one manager for both places and she moves from one place to the other.

- Ann Lee had a friend come in who was either attacked or had a seizure and needed \$150 to pay for the room he rents from Pastor (?) John Arnold Bik. After looking into different ways to help, she wrote a check for \$150.

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

**Special cases:** Amount available: \$2,940.00

**For the Good of the Order:** Arizona Learning Center is a new charter school (K-12) which will be opening next year by the FEDEX building. Two hundred students are already enrolled and there is a waiting list.

**Pauline** will be gone from 22 September until 9 October. Ann Lund will be acting.

**Spiritual Reading:** Margaret

**Conference Members Sick or in Distress:**

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

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

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Food Bank Meeting: September TBD
- Finance Meeting: 22 September 2023 @ 10:00 AM
- Thrift Store Meeting: 19 September 2023 @1:00 PM
- Board Meeting: August 29, 2023 @3:00 in Madonna Hall
- Board Meeting for 26 September 2023 @10:00 AM

**Closing Prayer:** Ann Lund

**Adjourned:** 6:20 PM p.m.

**Recorder:** Pat

September Birthdays – Happy Birthday to All!

5 September	Yolie and Pat
8 September	Deacon George
10 September	Ann Fellrath
11 September	Pauline
14 September	Father Greg
24 September	Diane
26 September	Martha
29 September	Gini