

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 18 September 20/23

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline **Time:** 5:05 PM

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

Motion by: Ann L. **Seconded by:** Larry

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (5) Present (18) Absent (13) Quorum (17)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum.

Guest Speakers: Frank Reale and Brian Canedy, Primavera Foundation, Project Action for Veterans.

Their primary goal is to try and end homelessness for Veterans and provide not only housing but other services needed by the Veteran. Brian Canedy is the Rural Outreach Specialist, located with Cochise Serving Veterans in the Landmark Plaza. He and Frank Reale serve Veterans living in Pima, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties.

Once a Veteran is referred to them, they will start a screening process to determine if they are truly a Veteran, will they be able to maintain a place of residence, do they need any other type of assistance, are they employed or do they need help in finding a job, do they need some type of inpatient/outpatient help or some other type of assistance. They will also do a credit check on the Veteran. Housing is obtained through VA HUD supportive housing program.

This organization will work with landlords to house homeless Veterans. They will help with application fees, security deposits, rents and utilities; however, the Veteran must be enrolled in their program. The maximum limit for rent within a 2-year period is 9 months for rent and 10 months for utilities.

They work for a rapid rehousing of Veterans. Section 8 housing vouchers are used to place Veterans but the waiting period is much faster for the Veterans.

The VA Clinic located on Coronado Drive, has a homeless clinic in the building with 2 Social Workers.

Veterans will need to provide a picture ID, SS information, DD 214 or VA card, last 2/3-month statements of some kind.

Help will be provided to the Veteran if he doesn't have this documentation. If children are involved,

birth certificates for all children are required.

Help for widows is not provided by this organization but the Department of Veteran Serviced online may help.

When a Veteran visits SVDP and needs help, we should call Brian and set up an appointment with him for the Veteran. Brian left his card and information, which will be at the conference.

Upcoming Events:

1. WALK FOR THE POOR, 30 September celebrating the feast of SVDP that is on 27 September.
2. Sign up for Pulpit call on 30 September and 1 October for those interested in becoming a Vincentian – a sign-up sheet will be at the conference. Narrative will be provided.
3. SVDP will be closed for Columbus Day, 9 October 2023. There will be no fellowship meeting.

Old Business:

1. Community Partners and the refund. We received \$6,000 today (18 Sep) and were told that whatever we don't use in September will be rolled over to October, when we'll get another \$6,000. We do not write the check until Community Partners approves it. We can use \$300 from Community Partners for rent or utilities. With the discussion and approval of 2 other Vincentians, \$600 can be approved; however, a Special Case must be done for any amount over \$600.
2. MHP and payments. No payments will be made until they can accept our checks. Larry has called the management with no response.

NEW Business:

1. Illegals and SVDP. No one from SVDP will give an Illegal a ride to anywhere. We cannot give rides to undocumented individuals. Ann Lee said that Bisbee is housing the Illegals at the Old Fire Station and Douglas is housing them at the migrant center. The County is paying for the food for those housed in Bisbee; no information about who is providing food for those in Douglas.
2. We have received the \$19,077 from the Pack Foundation. The Finance Committee will decide how the money will be used.
3. Special Case Committee. In October both Ann Lund and Yolie will be absent. Mary will be back and Jerry will help. Larry volunteered to help.
4. Pauline is placing an order for toiletries and Mary Ellen will get the feminine products from Dollar-Tree (30 packs of 16).
5. Turkey Box Signup – Signup starts on 2 October and goes to 15 October. We will not ask the friend if they want a turkey box. There will be signs posted about signing up. There was discussion about what number do we cut off taking names. Currently the number is 250. The boxes will be for families of 4 or more; no boxes for families of 1, 2, or 3. The push is for parishioners to "sponsor" a family; i.e., pay for the meal.
6. Vista Motel (formerly Bella Vista). When we put a friend up at the Vista Motel, we just call, tell them we're from SVDP, and to use the card they have on file. The password for using the card is 1833 (the year SVDP was founded). The cost should be \$60; we are not paying a deposit for the TV remote; if the friend wants a TV, they can pay for the remote.
7. Anthony from United Way called and wants to meet with Pauline and Gini. We may be getting \$10,000 from United Way.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: 2 October 2023

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

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- On Friday, Janet and Pat had about 10 friends from the Philippines who came in for food. Some are living in Bisbee and some in Sierra Vista and all are working in Naco at the schools. There is one person overseeing all their expenses until they get paid because they didn't bring the necessary documents with them to the US.
- Pat assisted a friend who Sandra saw on Tuesday. On both days, the friend was in tears the entire time and difficult to understand what the issues were. She had severe medical issues earlier in the year and has severe lung issues. She needed help with her internet bill because the only way she can meet with her pulmonologist is by Telemedicine. She also needed help with her SSVEC bill. We assisted with both. SSVEC would not switch her to a prepay account because she is on oxygen.

Home visits: No home visits this week.

Special cases: Amount available: \$749.00 (received the \$6,000 from Community Partners today)

For the Good of the Order: Ann Lund asked if someone could cover the conference on Monday from 3-4 so that she could get prepared for the meeting. Pauline will be gone from 22 September until 9 October and Ann 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 for 26 September 2023 @10:00 AM

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 6:15 PM

Recorder: Pat

