

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 25 September 2023

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Ann Lund **Time:** 5:01 PM

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (X) Read/Approved; Approved with Changes
Motion by: Diane **Seconded by:** Glenn

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (5) Present (20) Absent (11) Quorum (17)

| MEMBERS | | MEMBERS | | MEMBERS | | Associate Member | |
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| Al | X | Janet | X | Pauline | A | 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 | A | Toni | LOA | | |
| Diane | X | Larry | A | Yolanda | A | Visitors | |
| Dotti | A | Margaret | X | | | Ann Lee/OLM | |
| Estela | X | Marianne | A | | | | |
| Francisca | A | Marge | X | | | | |
| George | LOA | Martha G. | LOA | | | | |
| Gini | X | Mary Ellen | X | Father Greg | | Training | |
| Glenn | X | Mary | LOA | Stan * | | | |
| 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:

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. In addition to the pulpit call, Vincentians are needed to be in the back of the church after Mass to talk with interested people. Schedule for Masses: 5:00 PM, Saturday, Ann L, Ann F, Pat (if back in town); 8:00 AM, Sunday, Ilona and Larry; 10:00 AM, Sunday, Marge and Stephen; 12:00 PM, Gloria and maybe Francisca; 5:00 PM, Sunday, Ann L and Mary Ellen. Please wear your SVDP shirt or vest.
3. SVDP will be closed for Columbus Day, 9 October 2023. There will be no fellowship meeting.

Old Business:

1. Community Partners has been responding quickly for fund requests. The amount remaining today is \$1,515.72. A Vincentian can approve \$300; up to \$425 can be approved if the Vincentian consults with the other Vincentians who are working; anything over \$425 requires approval by the Special Case committee. Community Partners money is for use in the Sierra Vista/Huachuca City area only. Please log your cases in the Community Partners Log once approved. If requests come in for other parts of the county, call the respective SVDP Conference. Stephen asked can we use Community Partners funds if a friend has already had

\$1,000 in assistance. The answer was no since we are to follow our guidelines.

2. Larry volunteered to be the third member of the Special Case Committee while Ann and Yolie are gone.

NEW Business:

1. Turkey Box signup starts 2-15 October. Friends need to ask to be signed up; we will not ask. Turkey boxes are for families of 4 or more. There will be signs posted about signing up for the turkey boxes. An insert will be created for the bulletin encouraging parishioners to “sponsor a family”.
2. Primavera Foundation responded to a call by Pauline to help a Veteran.
3. When you get help from St. Andrew’s, please put it in the St. Andrew’s log and be sure to include the name of the person you talked with at the church; i.e., Gloria, Rosie, Lupita or Kate.
4. New Budget: the finance committee met on Friday. We were blessed to have lots of funds the last few years. We approached the budget assuming that we would not be receiving any grants or large donations; we have to rely on sales from the store and donations. Therefore, the amount of funds available to help our friends will be limited. The board will meet on 26 September 2023 to finalize the budget and set guidelines on how much assistance we can give our friends. Gini said that on Monday, there will be new folders with new guidelines in the back office; please familiarize yourself with these guidelines.
5. We are looking for a new Treasurer. Gini has done an excellent job as our treasurer for the last five years. Please prayerfully consider being our new Treasurer. Gini will happy to mentor you.
6. With the possible federal government shutdown, we may see some government folks coming in for help.
7. Father Greg received an email from Mayor McCaa asking for help with the migrants. Donations of food, clothes, paper supplies, diapers can be dropped off at the Salvation Army, which is the collection point.

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:

- Stephen had a friend come in for help but we had already helped her in excess of \$1,300 for the year. Evidentially, she was not very nice when told we could not help her. Both Ilona and Pat have had issues with this friend.

Home visits: No home visits this week.

Special cases: Amount available: \$0

For the Good of the Order:

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress:

- Mike Cammack. Kathy said Mike was still in the hospital. He will have to go to a rehab place once he is released. Please pray he goes to the Life Care Center.

- Dottie said that Chuck is in a fog but she is getting help from the VA and she hopes to be able to work for a couple of hours at the Conference.

- Deacon George. Ann said that Deacon George is still weak but is doing okay. He turns 89 tomorrow.

- Mary Ellen said that Jason and Jamie went to do a pickup from the place where the mother and child were killed. Both were very upset by the situation and that the surroundings of the crime scene had not been cleaned up.

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: September TBD
- Finance Meeting: held 22 September 2023
- Thrift Store Meeting: held 19 September 2023
- Board Meeting for 26 September 2023 @10:00 AM

Closing Prayer: Ann Faust

Adjourned: 5:45 PM

Recorder: Pat