

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 2 October 2023

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Ann Lund **Time:** 5:00 PM

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (8) Present (17) Absent (11) Quorum (17)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum.

Upcoming Events:

SVDP Conference and Food Bank will be closed for Columbus Day, 9 October 2023. The Thrift Store will be open. There is no meeting next week.

Old Business:

1. Walk for the Poor. Stan counted 55 walkers and 2 dogs. It is estimated that 2,000 lbs. of food were collected.
2. Pulpit call results from Saturday and Sunday: Ann signed up 2 people and Larry talked with a couple of people and invited them to come see what we do.
3. Special Case Committee: While Ann and Yolanda are on pilgrimage, Mary, Jerry and Larry will be the members of the committee.

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". Costs were recalculated for what a turkey box will cost and we may be able to support 325 families. If we haven't reached 325 by 15 October, an additional week may be added.

2. 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 be happy to mentor you.
3. No Federal government shutdown for the next six weeks.
4. Gini gave an update on the new budget and guidelines.
 - a. Expenditures for August overspent the budget by \$19,000. The reports now include the Food Bank.
 - b. Donations for the year were \$77,000 and we spent \$111,000 for an overage of \$34,000.
 - c. Budget for the year was \$906,000 and we spent \$922,700 for an overage of \$16,700.
 - d. We are carrying about \$225,000 with the checking, food bank and savings accounts.
 - e. Thrift store income. It's hard to figure exactly what the store will bring in. In the past, it's been estimated at \$41,000 for the month; however, we've been averaging \$36,000-\$39,000.
 - f. We do not know what donations will be for the year.
 - g. New guidelines were sent out by email and a copy will be on each desk in the conference. Please keep in mind, that all funds have been reduced and the amounts we can provide are reduced.
 - (1) Community Partners money will be used for rent money for the rest of the calendar year. Make sure if you have a Community Partners case, you annotate the file and indicate that the funds are pending until it is approved by Community Partners. Make sure, that the friend can contribute to the rent. Make sure the friend is on the lease for the apartment and see if the landlord will work with the friend for a payment plan.
 - (2) The 2024 year started on 2 October 2023.
 - (3) Special Case monies are not for rent or utilities; it is to be used for other issues.
 - (4) If a friend returns on monthly basis for the same type of help, it may be time for a home visit.
 - (5) SSVEC and Liberty will work with the friend to come up with a payment plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: 2 October 2023

A: Food Bank Report: None

B: Thrift Store Report: August sales \$35,000 but sales have picked up. The process has been started for the Children's Christmas Shopping Program.

C: Finance Report: See above.

D: The Poor Box Report: \$528.08

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Gini had a mom with 2 children who came in for help with SSVEC; however, her accounts were in her landlord's name, so we could not help.
- Dennis installed a ramp for a disabled person on Saturday.

Home visits: No home visits this week.

Special cases: Amount available: \$800

For the Good of the Order:

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: October TBD
- Finance Meeting: held 20 October 2023
- Thrift Store Meeting: 10 October 2023
- Board Meeting for 24 October 2023

Closing Prayer: Father Greg

Adjourned: 5:45 PM

Recorder: Pat