

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 10/16/2023

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

There was not enough for a Quorum to vote on minutes.

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

Motion by: Seconded by:

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (3) Present (13) Absent (20) Quorum (17)

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		Associate Member	
Al	X	Janet	X	Pauline	A	Maria	
Ann F.	X	Jerry	A	Sandra	A	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	A	Yolanda	A	Visitors	
Dotti	X	Margaret	X			Chuck B	X
Estela	A	Marianne	A				
Francisca	A	Marge	X				
George	LOA	Martha G.	LOA				
Gini	X	Mary Ellen	X	Father Greg *	A	Training	
Glenn	A	Mary	A	Stan *	A	Kathy Calabrese	
Gloria	A	Michael C	A				
Hilary	A	Norm	A				
Ilona	A	Pat	A				

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

November 13, 2023: SVdP Social evening, to be determined

November 20, 2023: Thanksgiving Box distribution

Old Business:

1. Thankfully, Yolie, Hilary and Ann did not go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Thank you to Jerry and Larry for volunteering to substitute on the Special Case Committee while we were gone.
2. As of 10/16/23 there have been 124 families signed up for the Turkey Boxes.
3. Vincentians report they like the new guidelines.
4. We are still looking for a new Treasurer.

NEW Business:

1. We have opened another \$2000 from community partners for October. We have not done the entire \$6k until the September reimbursement happens. We have received \$1600 for the September \$6000 request for reimbursement.
2. As you know, the money for Community Partners is to prevent homelessness. Thus you need to be very sure that when you are pursuing Community Partners funds, know that homelessness will not be in the near future of our Friend. We cannot use this money as a temporary band-Aid.
3. EVERY single request for Community Partners funds should have a statement regarding the fact that we spoke to our Friend and know that they will be able to handle their finances the following month. Pauline had a discussion with the person at Community Partners, and they request that a statement of that sort be added in the dialogue of the request. In the space where you annotate the amount and indicate whether it is for (RENT) or (Utilities)
4. Please keep Bethlehem University in our prayers. The classes have been canceled the rest of this week. Classes will be online indefinitely.
5. If you cannot attend the weekly meetings in person, please read the minutes. Whether or not they are consistently working, we need all our active Vincentians to attend the meetings. Many members do not understand what the guidelines encompass. The guidelines are that you should not miss three meetings. We've been lax on that as many of us have been ill or preoccupied. Your input during the meetings is valuable.
6. Although we have trimmed back our finances and many of the funds, please understand contrary to a rumor, we are not broke. We are being very conservative and frugal with our Friend's funding.
7. Our longtime Food Bank volunteer, Jackie Flipson, is moving away. We'll have cake and a tribute Tuesday at 2:00 in the Food Bank. We will be presenting her with a pewter SVDP pendent.
8. Sierra Toyota is going to be having a Turkey Box giveaway. This will be on a 1st come, 1st The details will be announced.
9. Tillie Munoz is no longer in training she has pursued being a Eucharist minister
10. Gini reminded everyone that more, detailed information is a **must** in our Friend's files. Ask their about their situation that led to a disconnect notice. Just recording the check, and account information and the amount is not enough information.
11. Norm's wife, Ruby Guffey, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her in prayer while they learn more information. Gini said she will cover for Norm on Thursday.
12. United Way grant of close to \$10,000. The Finance Committee, the Board and Anthony will be having a meeting to develop guidelines for using these funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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

1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Dottie helped our Friend, Taniel. He shared that, along with their 4 children, Keycha is scheduled for a cesarean on 10/17/23, another set of twins.
- Dottie helped a Friend restore her electricity and then referred to SEACAP as her husband abandoned her and several children.
- Francisca had Friends come in, with 2 toddlers, for a Food Box. They had just moved from San Francisco. The husband will be starting next week at Lowe's. They have been staying at a local hotel. Francisca explained that we can help with clothing vouchers, furniture vouchers once established, and to please come back.
- Toni had a young couple, both still going to Buena High School. They are staying at GNA and were asking for help getting another place as they are "struggling" with the rules at GNA. It was explained that we don't have access to rentals. The young woman started crying, as she was without hygiene items and fresh undergarments and pants. Toni called Leah who immediately helped them out. The young man had attitude, and was very controlling over her. Toni asked Leah to also talk to the girl and monitor his attitude. They had a driver with them from a service. (counselor possibly?)

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

3. **Special cases:** Amount available \$800.00

4. **For the Good of the Order:**

5. **Spiritual Reading:** Margaret read to us Mirrored Suffering Leads to Compassion

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

Norm and Ruby, Deacon George and Martha, Mike and Kathy, Estela,

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

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: TBA
- Finance Meeting: October 19 @10:00 a.m.
- Thrift Store Meeting: November 13 @1:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting: October 30 @10:00 a.m. Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Scotty

Adjourned: 6:38 p.m.

Recorder: Toni Mott - Secretary

