

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 10/30/23

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (X) Read/Approved: Motion by: Ann L. Seconded by: Marge

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (3) Present (17) Absent (16) 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	A	Ann Fellrath	
Colleen	A	Jose	X	Stephen	A	Michaela	
Dennis	X	Kathy	A	Toni	X		
Diane	X	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 *	X	Training	
Glenn	X	Mary	X	Stan *	A	Kathy Calabrese	
Gloria	A	Michael C	A				
Hilary	X	Norm	A				
Ilona	A	Pat	A				

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

- October 31, 2023: Father of Lights
- November 10, 2023: Veteran's Day (Conference/Food Bank closed. Thrift Store open)
- November 13, 2023: SVdP Social evening
- November 18, 2023: United Way GAP Fundraiser (see scanned flier)
- November 20, 2023: Thanksgiving Box distribution (Conference/Food Bank is closed, Thrift Store open)

Old Business:

- November 6, 2023: Catholic Community Services will be at our meeting to share what they do.
- November 13, 2023: SVdP Fellowship potluck, appreciation to the Food Bank volunteers

NEW Business:

1. Gini updated the Policies for helping Friends. Please check them before giving help to our Friends.
2. Please store our Policies, and Food Box vouchers inside of the desks, out of Friend's view.
3. We have received the money from Community Partners, as of 10/31. Money was re-added to the Community Partners to use as Pauline's Friend that was approved for help with rent was able to find his own funds. Any funds left over from October rollover into November.

4. When Friends are in need of \$75 or lower, encourage the Friend to pay so they can come to use when really short money. (Especially UW as it is a one-time use)
5. Home visits. If you think a home visit needs to be done, please be proactive and set one up, that day, with another Vincentian to go with you within a couple of days.
6. Car repairs are a SPECIAL CASE based on the issue, and will be presented to the S/C group if time allows. The money will NOT come out of Transportation.
7. Good Neighbor Alliance is collaborating with Homeless I.D. Project to provide assistance with obtaining an Arizona I.D. and US Birth Certificates for those experiencing homelessness in Cochise County. Point of Contact is Michele Mason (see flier)
8. Marge pointed out the lack of set scheduling at the part time jobs is causing our Friends to not be able to find a second job in order to support their family.
9. Pauline announced we may have a new Vincentian in training.
10. Fr. Greg suggested someone going to the City Council meeting, to spread the news regarding the rent crisis, along with the lack of adequate Food Stamps for our Friends, is creating homelessness. This also has a huge effect it has on the local public's Food Bank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: November 6, 2023

1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

Mary had a Friend return for additional help with rent that lives in John Arnoldbik's house. His Social Security has been cut and he can't cover his needs. It is suggested to call Congressman to intervene. Another suggestion is Community Partners as he will be homeless if he has no funds for rent. Home visit is planned

2. **Home visits:** Toni and Mary will do a Home Visit on Wednesday.

3. **Special cases:** Amount available apx. \$200

4. **Spiritual Reading: Margaret**

5. **Conference Members Sick or in Distress:** Norm and Ruby, Deacon George and Martha, Mike and Kathy, Estela, Maria, Dottie's daughter, Maria, Deacon Bob, Pat's friend.

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

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: TBA
- Finance Meeting: TBA
- Thrift Store Meeting: November 13, 2023 @1:00
- Board Meeting: November 28, 2023 @10:00 a.m. Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Fr. Greg

Adjourned: 5:56 p.m.

Recorder: Toni Mott - Secretary