

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 11/6/2023

Call to Order/Opening Prayer:

Time:

Guest Speakers:

Joe Leisz with Catholic Community Services
Briena Schnaithman with Forgach House

Minutes of Previous Meeting: () Read/Approved: Motion by: Seconded by:

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (3) Present (22) Absent (11) Quorum (17)

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		Associate Member	
Al	X	Janet	X	Pauline	X	Maria	
Ann F.	X	Jerry	A	Sandra	X	Barbara S	
Ann L.	X	JoAnn	LOA	Scotty	X	Ann Fellrath	
Colleen	X	Jose	A	Stephen	X	Michaela	
Dennis	X	Kathy	A	Toni	X		
Diane	X	Larry	X	Yolanda	A	Visitors	
Dotti	X	Margaret	A			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	X	Mary	A	Stan *	A	Kathy Calabrese	
Gloria	X	Michael C	A				
Hilary	X	Norm	A				
Ilona	X	Pat	X				

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

- November 10, 2023: Veteran's Day (Conference/Food Bank closed. Thrift Store will be open)
- November 11, 2023: Veteran's Day,
- November 11, 2023: Veterans' Day Parade SV start at 7th to Veterans Park 8:30 assemble start 9:00
- November 13, 2023: SVdP Social evening Potluck and Thank you to Food Bank volunteers
- November 18, 2023: United Way GAP Fundraiser
- November 20, 2023: Thanksgiving Box distribution (Conference/Food Bank is closed, Thrift Store open)

Old Business:

Catholic Community Services, Forgach House Guest Speakers

NEW Business:

1. Guest speakers tonight:
 - Briena Schnaithman with Forgach House spoke about what they do to help someone in a Domestic Violence situation. The person seeking help must have been in a DV

situation within the past 60-90 days. Besides safe housing, local resources are used to help with mental health, clothing, job guidance, and more. Forgach has 40 beds, 9 rooms for single women, or families, plus 1 private bathroom for males. There is 1 transitional home for a family that qualifies and can be in use for 8-12 months. If anyone would like to help, there is a dire need for linens, hygiene supplies and diapers. There is not currently a need for clothes as that is in abundance.

- Joe Leisz spoke from Catholic Community Services/CCS. They get their funding through many grants and help many people, especially in Tucson. Plans for will be a Respite Center, in January 2024, for homeless released from the hospital and Sierra Vista can be transported to them for care. With a new CEO coming on board, there is plans to incorporate Sierra Vista to Tucson based help. A lot of feedback was given from our Vincentians regarding what Sierra Vista needs from CCS.

2. Our policy of a 5 day Eviction Notice was vigorously discussed and the decision was made to remove the requirement. It causes an extra burden of late fees doing so. Always talk to the management.

***Ilona made a motion to remove the 5 day eviction requirement for rental help. Ann Lund seconded and motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A: Food Bank Report:

B: Thrift Store Report: Mary Ellen reported \$40,886

C: Finance Report: Finance: September expenses exceeded donations/income by \$8,300 with income at \$83,257 and expenses at \$91,549. The September report also reflects the fiscal year 2023 (end of year) figures with total income of \$979,971 which included 4 months of Food Bank income and expenses. The expenses for end of year were at \$1,014,342 which shows a deficit of \$34,371 with 4 months of Food Bank expenses included. There was a total of \$216,075 for cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year.

D: The Poor Box Report: Hilary reported \$217.57

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

3. **Home visits:** Marge gave an update on the home visit she and Mary had at the Shared Living Environment John Arnoldbik rents out of two of his house. He is a Pastor who ministers to the homeless. He buys homes that are in disrepair and fixes them so that they are safe homes for those in need of shelter and unable to pay rent otherwise. He has mandatory Bible studies four times a week so that the renters hear the word of Christ and can bond with their fellow roommates. He helps them find jobs and gives spiritual guidance. See attached page for current prices and other information and procedures on how we can work with John Arnoldbik to help our Friends.

1. **Special cases:** Amount available \$500

2. **Spiritual Reading:** Diane

- 3. Conference Members Sick or in Distress:** Norm and his wife, Ruby, Margaret, Glenn, Francisca, JoAnn, Estela, Deacon George, Martha, Kathy and Mike, Ed Gravelin and their families
- 4. Prayers for others:** Will be emailed separately
- 5. Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- *Food Bank Meeting: NOV_____*
- *Finance Meeting: November 16, 2023*
- *Thrift Store Meeting: November 14, 2023 @1:00*
- *Board Meeting: November 28, 2023 10:00 a.m. @Madonna Hall*

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 6:23 p.m.

Recorder: Toni Mott - Secretary