

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 12/18/23

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline **Time:** 5:05 p.m.

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

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (3) Present (19) Absent (14) Quorum (17)

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		Associate Member	
Al	X	Janet	X	Pauline	X	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	X	Kathy	X	Toni	A		
Diane	A	Larry	A	Yolanda	A	Visitors	
Dotti	X	Margaret	A			Ann Lee	
Estela	A	Marianne	A				
Francisca	A	Marge	X				
George	LOA	Martha G.	LOA				
Gini	A	Mary Ellen	X	Father Greg *	A	Training	
Glenn	A	Mary	X	Stan *	A		
Gloria	A	Michael C	X				
Hilary	X	Norm	X				
Ilona	A	Pat	X				

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Pauline said that the Messiah was amazing and that the church was full!

Upcoming Events:

December Birthdays: Toni Mott **5th**, Stan Garner **15th**, Norm Guffey **16th**, Gloria Sousa **27th**

January 8, 2024: Epiphany Party, in Kino Hall, will be a pot luck. Will need decorators to help set up the hall. A sign-up list will be at the Conference.

Old Business:

There will be no meetings on 25 December 2023 and 1 January 2024. A motion was made by Ann Lund and seconded by Jerry, that the Conference and Food Bank will be closed on 26 December 2023. Both St Andrew's office and SSVEC will be closed on that day. Please pay attention to emails for updated information.

NEW Business:

1. Southwest Gas Low Income Rate Assistance Program (SWG LIRA). Ann Lund received a handout in her gas bill talking about the LIRA Program. Blanca will make copies and put them on the desks in the Conference. Please talk to friends about signing up for the program.

2. Good Shepherd funds (\$20,000) will be allocated starting 1 February 2024. More information will be forthcoming. Thanks, Scotty.
3. Lee Zeldin, former NY Congressman, partnered with an organization for clothing for the homeless called The Dakota Project. Pauline contacted the organization and requested clothes for the homeless. A copy of our non-profit tax ID and Form 990 was provided as requested. The email for The Dakota Project is: <https://www.dakota-project.org>.
4. If you provide a hotel room for someone, please follow-up if you can. Vista Hotel has a card on file. Please verify that our friends are not on the Do Not Rent (DNR) list. If one hotel is called and the friend is on the DNR list, do not call any other hotels.
5. Tents. We had some tents for the homeless; however, only 1 is left. The homeless are camping between our parking lot and Vargas. Pauline plans to call the Police on Tuesday to have them clear out the homeless.
6. Community Partners Summary: Since 1 August 2023, all of our cases have been reimbursed. The final two deposits will complete a total of \$29,349.81. There were 60 cases, from those, 6 cases were voided and 1 case amount was adjusted. The last case was on 7 December 2023. We're waiting for the final 2 deposits.
7. United Way: We had 15 United Way cases in December for rent and utilities, totaling \$2,963.
8. Electric upgrade at the Thrift Store. An anonymous backer has come forward to cover upgrades at the Thrift Store. A new breaker box and 12 ceiling fans will be installed. Also, Pauline is gathering estimates on how to provide shelter to the back of the building.
9. So far this month, the Thrift Store totals have reached \$40,000. The Store did \$1,900 in vouchers last month. Children from Huachuca City and Carmichael Schools has a great time during their Christmas shopping at the store.
10. A new non-profit, Beauty from Ashes Ranch is planning to start up in January 2024 in Sonoita. This organization is focused to help victims of sex trafficking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 8 January 2024 (online by email)

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

1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

Dennis had 2 cases which were both home visits.

- a. An elderly woman who lives in a RV needed help with electric. She has an autistic son who lives with her. When he got there, she wouldn't let him in the RV but did talk to him through the window. Dennis said the smell inside was terrible. He's still looking to go back out there to see if he can help.
- b. A woman called to ask for help to move a recliner into her apartment. This woman was a victim of domestic violence and had just moved out of Forgach House. Dennis went

to help the woman, who showed up an hour late and didn't have the recliner. He helped her move clothes into her apartment. This woman came in on Friday and saw Janet, who gave her a clothing voucher.

- 2. Home visits:** See above.
- 3. Special Case Funds:** Amount available: \$4,000
- 4. For the Good of the Order:**
- 5. Spiritual Reading:** Pat
- 6. Conference Members Sick or in Distress:** Deacon George; Norm and his wife, Ruby; Pauline's friend, Laurie, and her family; Ilona, who lost her furry friend; Larry, who is attending a funeral for a 2-month old baby.
- 7. Prayers for others:** Will be emailed separately
- 8. Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting:
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 21 December 2023, 10:00 A.M., Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 5:55 P.M.

Recorder: Pat Gorecki

Thanks, Ann Faust and Dottie for the goodies!