

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 29 January 2024

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Pauline

**Time:** 5:03

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

Motion by: Ann L Seconded by: Scotty

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

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

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

The District 5 retreat on Saturday, 20 January 2024, was excellent. Father Greg was amazing. Some of the take-aways from Maury were: "It's not what we do but how we do it"; "It's not ability; it's availability"; "It's not transactional; it's relational". Both Father Greg and Pauline said it was a great gathering.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Grateful Goods is a community vendor market usually held mid-month. The next market will be 9 and 10 February 2024 at 112 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A. The fee to rent a space is \$40 for the two days. A percentage of proceeds from booth rental income will be donated to SVDP in May. Please support local businesses. Signup for emails is: [www.gratefulgoods.com](http://www.gratefulgoods.com)
- As a reminder, Good Shepherd funding starts on Thursday, 1 February 2024. Guidelines for using this money are: Rent - \$300: \$200 from Good Shepherd and \$100 from our fund; Utilities: \$150: \$75 from Good Shepherd and \$75 from our utilities fund. We can combine that with Fernandez, Single Moms, and/or help from St. Andrews for up to \$450, if the situation arises. The amount for the next 7 months is \$2,850 per month. Use discretion when determining the friend's need.

## **Old Business:**

- Heather Markel. Father Greg wrote a letter to Heather Markel telling her that she cannot come into the Parish Office. Since she is a registered member of our Parish, she can still fulfill her obligation as a Catholic and use the church. As stated in the minutes from 22 January 2024, if Heather comes in to the conference,

please contact Pauline.

### **NEW Business:**

1. If you notice a \$20 bill while walking towards your car, do not touch it...turn right around and get security in the store. This is something that sex traffickers use to grab their victims.
2. One of our friends was hired for a position at Canyon Vista Medical Center.
3. The balance of funds is very slim.
4. For our fellowship meeting on 12 February 2024, let's have a Fat Monday celebration; Lent starts on 14 February 2024. More information to follow.
5. Thrift Store. Leah would like to rearrange the store to have a new look and a better flow. Mary Ellen is looking for ideas and folks who have retail experience to work with Leah to come up with a plan. Diane suggested that before any changes take place, the back room be emptied and things are put away. Having a floor plan and ideas for change is a good start for improving the store. More information to follow.
6. The conference and the food bank will be closed on 19 February 2024 for President's Day.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: 5 February 2024**

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

### **Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**

1. On Monday, 29 January 2024 around 4:30 PM, a homeless couple showed up at the Parish Office wanting help with a hotel room. Pauline was in Madonna Hall preparing for our meeting and was asked by Father Greg to come and help the couple. The church paid for a night in a hotel and the conference paid for an additional night. The couple planned to visit the conference on Tuesday asking for help with bus tickets to Paige. Pauline gave the couple's name to Ann Lund who is working on Tuesday. Father Greg and Dennis took the couple to the Vista Motel.
2. Margaret had a student from 25 years ago stop by the conference to apologize to her for all the trouble he caused her when he was a student.

**Home visits: None**

**Special cases:** Amount available:

**For the Good of the Order:** The funeral for Linc Schnieder was very beautiful. Flowers were delivered to JoAnn and Masses will be said for his soul.

**Spiritual Reading:** Margaret

**Conference Members Sick or in Distress:** For the Schneider Family, Deacon George and Martha, for Pauline's nieces' husband, Daniel, who is having medical issues.

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

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

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: 22 February 2024, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Thrift Store Meeting: 13 February 2024
- Board Meeting: 27 February 2024

**Closing Prayer:** Father Greg

**Adjourned:** 5:35 PM

**Recorder:** Pat