

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

**Date: 3/4/24**

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Ann Lund

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** (X) Read/Approved: Motion by: Mary Ellen  
 Seconded by: Marge

**Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (4) Present (21) Absent (11) Quorum (17)**

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

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

**Upcoming Events:**

- March 11, 2024: No meeting
- March 18, 2024: Francisca's birthday
- March 31, 2024: Easter
- May 18, 2024: Ozanam Training location TBD

**Old Business:**

Gini has graciously agreed to serve on the Special Case committee and will be replacing Ann Lund. The board decided that Special Case Committee members should not vote on their own special cases. Therefore, Ann will be the tie breaker if the two special case committee members (who do not have that Special Case) do not both vote yes or no. Mary, Yolanda, Gini. This will be effective 3/5/24

**NEW Business:**

1. Mary Ellen made a motion to not have a meeting/fellowship March 11<sup>th</sup>. Jerry seconded. Motion carried.
2. May 18 Ann Lee will host Ozanam training. Sight TBD. If you are a new Vincentian or want a refresher this will be a great opportunity to get the training close to home. Please let

Pauline or AnnLee know by March 15 if you would like to attend.

3. Low rent housing: Would someone volunteer to update the list of low rent apartments? It would be helpful to have the rent as well as the move in costs – deposits, application fees, etc.
4. Legal Aid – Ann Lund and Jerry attend a presentation by Southern Arizona Legal Aid – SALA at the Salvation Army last Monday. They now have an office at 1601 Paseo San Luis Suite 105 here in Sierra Vista! Their phone number is still the Bisbee number 520-432-1639. The office is open 9:30-11:30 and 1:30-3:30. They see clients by appointment. Friends can call to make an appointment. They can also walk in and fill out a request for assistance on the computers in the office. The request goes to the SALA head office in Tucson and is forwarded to the appropriate local office. Friends can expect to hear back from someone at SALA within 3 business days. Our Friends can also fill out the form online at [www.sazlegalaid.org](http://www.sazlegalaid.org). We can also fill out the form online for our Friends at the Conference. If the issue cannot wait for two or three business days, for example an eviction email Regina Rizzo, the paralegal at the SV office [rrizzo@sazlegalaid.org](mailto:rrizzo@sazlegalaid.org) and she will ask to have the file sent to her ASAP. If our Friends meet the financial requirements, Legal Aid can help them with family law issues, housing issues, setting aside and expunging criminal records especially marijuana convictions and other legal issues. They have recently launched the Veterans Hope and Justice Project to provide legal services to veterans in the areas of consumer protection, family law, housing, public and VA benefits, restorative justice, and discharge upgrades.
5. The Thrift Store has a part time position open
6. The folders for Transportation, Employment or Medical will be going away.
7. There is a new folder, M.E.T., is \$100/household NOT to be combined with Rent or Utilities.
8. Gini brought up that we are seeing more and more animals, cats and dogs, and they don't appear to be true Service Animals. This should be up to the comfort of the Vincentian as to whether they are brought back or seen outside.
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A:** Food Bank Report:

**B:** Thrift Store Report: Mary Ellen reported February sales: \$34,229

**C:** Finance Report: Gini reported, \$20k Safeway gift card to be used by the Food Bank

**D:** The Poor Box Report: Hilary reported \$234.26

#### 1. Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Mary Ellen had a Friend come in and needed help for rent on Ft. Huachuca housing for \$1300. They were referred to Warrior Healing Center. Technically are they in our area of service area?
- Mary Ellen had a Friend come in for a family of 9. Francisca recognized this as being someone who is married to another Friend coming in last week claiming 15. She combined files and a home visit is required for future assistance.

- Toni had a Friend come in needing help with high amounts for water and SWG. She had not made payments since May 2023. She was given a SWG application, and worked with Liberty for minimum payments.
- Toni had a Friend come in that claimed to have seen Norm and he told them to come back and we would help them. I thought it was a small camp propane tank. Turns out they were from Tombstone and it was a \$700+ tank and that SVdP in Tombstone gave \$150 towards it and claimed they had also told them we would cover the rest. She insisted she wasn't leaving until she had a check. I told them we could not help their situation.
- Mary had a Friend, a single mother that has been at Forgach, needs her and her children's Birth Certificates, Social Security and other required paperwork for Rapid Housing, which was stored at U-Haul, which has been locked up due to no payment and could be auctioned. Payment was taken over to get it opened.

**2. Home visits:**

3. **Rent Fund:** Amount available: \$1,000

4. **For the Good of the Order:** Deacon George, Martha, Dotti's son, Ann Faust recovering from Covid. Ilona saw Rose and said she was in good spirits. She will be 90 on 3/18/24

5. **Spiritual Reading:** Margaret

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

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

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

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Food Bank Meeting: March 14, 2024 @10:00 Madonna Hall
- Finance Meeting: March 22, 2024 @10:00
- Thrift Store Meeting: March 12, 2024 @ 1:00 Mary Ellens
- Board Meeting: March 26, 2024 @10:00 Madonna Hall

**Closing Prayer:** Marge

**Adjourned:** 5:52 p.m.

**Recorder:** Toni Mott - Secretary