

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 22 April 2024

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline

Time: 5:02

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

Motion by: Ann Lund Seconded by: Larry

Attendance: Total Active Members (36) LOA (4) Present (25) Absent (7) 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	A	Ann Fellrath	
Colleen	X	Jose	A	Stephen	X	Michaela	
Dennis	A	Kathy	X	Toni	X		
Diane	X	Larry	X	Yolanda	A		
Dotti	X	Margaret	X			Visitors	
Estela	X	Marianne	LOA			Ann Lee/OLM	
Francisca	A	Marge	X				
George	LOA	Martha G	LOA				
Gini	X	Mary Ellen	X				
Glenn	X	Mary	X			Training	
Gloria	A	Michael C	X	Father Greg *	A	Mechelle Shea	
Hilary	X	Norm	X	Stan *	A	Tom Fredericks	X
Ilona	X	Pat	X				

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Stephen will be taking over the role of Secretary. Since he doesn't know everyone, we did a role call of those present at the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

1. 11 May 2024: The USPS and the SVDP food drive. Volunteers are needed at the food bank by 3:00 PM to help with the collected food donations.
2. 18 May 2024: Ozanam training will be here at Madonna Hall from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A lite breakfast and lunch will be served. Pauline received detailed instructions for the training.
3. 27 May 2024: The Conference will be closed on Memorial Day.

Old Business:

Guidelines are being reviewed and updated by our Ad Hoc committee. If you have anything you would like addressed, please contact Pauline or Diane.

NEW Business:

1. Meeting attendance is very important and part of the Vincentian mission. Reading the published minutes is also important; these minutes provide information discussed at the meetings to those unable to attend and, at times, provides the latest update to our guidelines.

2. The conference closes at 4:00 PM. It is easy to lock up prior to 4:00 PM when we are slow; however, if a person needs a hotel room, please handle it. If they need something more involved, please ask them to come back the next day. Please annotate the friend's file as to what occurred and that you asked them to return the following day. If it's an emergency, please handle it.
3. Please look at the schedule when it comes out to see who may be on vacation and try to cover at least 2 hours of their shift. It will relieve the Vincentian to know that they are covered. And, if you intend to go away, please ask a fellow Vincentian to step up if they are available.
4. The Thrift Store canopy project will not happen. The canopy was set to be constructed of galvanized steel. However, the City of Sierra Vista sent back the plans saying only metal items can be placed under that structure as anything else is considered combustible, even a wooden chair. The canopy would be a waste of time and money since we do not get a lot of metal donations. It's too limiting.
5. What is the Joint Service Club: The Joint Service Club is a group of non-profit organizations that meet the first Friday of the month from 10:30-11:05 AM. About 50-60 non-profit organizations meet and give an update on what is going on for the month.
6. If a friend has a pet and is staying at GNA or Forgach House, their pet can go to Going to Grandma's. The pet will be held for 45 days. All pets must be immunized. GNA and Forgach House must verify that the friend is staying at their facility.
7. Ann Lund and Larry did role playing on how to handle a friend who comes in with a large rent bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: 6 May 2024

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

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Mary had a young woman come in today for a food box. She also wanted to get a food box for an elderly neighbor who could not come in. Mary set up a file on the elderly friend annotating that this woman will be picking up food for him in the future.
- Toni helped a friend who had a stroke with getting propane. She and Stan also delivered a food box to this friend.
- Toni several weeks ago had a friend come in who wanted \$1500 for cleaning the apartment she was moving out of. No help was given.
- Toni had a friend come in on Friday who needed help with rent. She said she had been unable to work because her son was killed and she couldn't function. It turned out after talking with the landlord, that it wasn't her son; however, Toni helped with \$150 to avoid eviction.
- A friend that Larry and Ilona helped with a room at Knight's Inn trashed the place. His folder has been annotated with a Do Not Rent notification.
- Mary said that a friend came in to say how thankful she was for Larry convincing her to switch to a SSVEC Prepay account. She said her bill has never been so low.
- Tom mentioned that after sitting with Al and Janet on Friday and listening to the friend they had, he was amazed at the patience we show in dealing with our friends.

Home visits: Toni and Stan did a food delivery.

Special cases: Amount available: \$800; rent: \$436.85

For the Good of the Order:

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress: Deacon George and Martha, Deacon Mike and Helen, Ruby and Norm, Kathy and Mike, Barbara Sisneros, Toni.

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting:
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 30 April 2024, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 5:50 PM

Recorder: Pat