

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 6 May 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 | |
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| 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 | X | Jose | A | Stephen | X | Michaela | |
| Dennis | X | Kathy | X | Toni | X | | |
| Diane | A | Larry | X | Yolanda | A | | |
| Dotti | A | Margaret | X | | | Visitors | |
| Estela | X | Marianne | LOA | | | Ann Lee/OLM | |
| Francisca | X | Marge | X | | | | |
| George | LOA | Martha G | LOA | | | | |
| Gini | X | Mary Ellen | X | | | | |
| Glenn | A | Mary | A | | | 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

Pauline said that on Monday, 6 May 2024, COOL FM and the Sierra Vista Newspaper came to the Food Bank and covered the highlights of the Food Bank. A video of the interview with COOL FM was sent out by email. An article about SVDP will also be in the Neighborhood Magazine.

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. Residents of Hoops House and St. Andrew's teens will be helping out.
2. 13 May 2024: Next week's meeting will be a fellowship pot luck in Kino Hall. A sign-up sheet will be at the conference.
3. 14 May 2024: Next Tuesday is the Corporal Mass for SVDP.
4. 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.
5. 27 May 2024: The Conference and the Thrift Store will be closed on Memorial Day, 27 May 2024.

Old Business:

NEW Business:

1. The peanut butter and jelly (PB&J) drive by Epsilon Sigma Alpha Chapter of Alpha Chi Sorority was very successful. A total of 603 sets of PB&J was collected. Kathy Reibeck was instrumental in this drive and for each set of PB&J donated, a ticket was put in for a gift basket drawing. Four gift baskets were won by lucky donors.
2. In addition to the PB&J drive, Kathy Reibeck held a 50/50 drawing for the SVDP Single Mom's Fund. A total of \$783 was collected. Lori Wysong won the drawing and contributed her winnings to the fund. Also, Heather Bird contributed \$400. A total of \$1,183 will be deposited to this fund.
3. We still need a secretary for our conference; Stephen had to decline the role.
4. The Thrift Store has two job openings – 1 full time and 1 part-time positions for drivers.
5. Cochise Connections, an Arizona Bus Service, charges \$3.00 for a ride to Bisbee and picks up people at the Sierra Vista bus station. We need to give the friend \$1.00 (in cash) because once the friend arrives in Bisbee, they need to take the bus from the Table Restaurant bus stop to Tin Town. Pets need to be vaccinated in order to ride on Cochise Connections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 6 May 2024

- A:** Food Bank Report:
- B:** Thrift Store Report: For April - \$36,108.10
- C:** Finance Report: \$28,785 in donations
- D:** The Poor Box Report: \$245.36

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Pauline has a friend come in who was riding in a car that was stopped by the police and the driver was arrested for drugs. The car and all the possessions of both people was confiscated as evidence. The friend, and his dog, were not arrested but had none of their possessions and nowhere to go. Pauline got him a place at Tin Town in Bisbee and took him to the bus station to catch a ride on Cochise Connections. However, there was much confusion concerning the dog, as to whether or not it was allowed in Tin Town. After much discussion/frustration, Pauline put the man up in a hotel.
- Pat and Toni met with a friend on Friday and Monday who owed rent to Mountain View. The friend said that her bank account was hacked and that the last 3 months of rent was reversed and she owed \$2,000. The apartment complex said she owed \$2,700. Even though the friend had a majority of the money, the apartment complex would not take a partial payment. On Friday, she had not been issued an eviction notice. On Monday, the friend checked with the apartment complex to verify that they would not take a partial; she was then told she owed over \$2,800 (because of late fees, which I asked to be waived but was told probably not). She has a daughter who live in the area but she can't live with her. We gave her a list of low-income apartments and information on Legal Aid. When the friend met with Toni on Monday, she had been issued an eviction notice. At this point in time, no help was given.

Home visits: We need to start doing some home visits.

Special cases: Amount available:

For the Good of the Order: A movie, The Beautiful Game (on Netflix) is based on the remarkable true story of the Homeless World Cup; an annual international street football tournament that transcends borders and transforms lives. This movement has impacted the lives of over 1.2 million homeless people since 2003. The Homeless World Cup is our contribution to tackling the homeless problem across the globe but there is so much more to do. The Homeless World Cup will be held in Korea this year. Participants are those who live on the street or those who recently lived on the street.

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

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

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: 16 May 2024, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Thrift Store Meeting: 14 May 2024, 1:00 PM, Madonna Hall
- Ad Hoc Meeting: 15 May 2024
- Board Meeting: __ May 2024, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 5:50 PM

Recorder: Pat

Birthdays for the Month of May:

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| 8 May | Estela |
| 9 May | Mike |
| 13 May | Ann Faust |
| 16 May | Mary |
| 21 May | Janet and Mary Ellen |