

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 6/17/24

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline

Time: 5:02 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (X) Read/Approved: Motion by: Ann Lund
Seconded by: Ilona

Attendance: Total Active Members (30) LOA (0) Present (18) Absent (12) Quorum (15)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

June 19, 2024: Conference & Food Bank closed for Freedom Day. Thrift Store remains open.

June 22, 2024: (**Saturday**) 5 p.m. Mass Bishop Weisenburger....**wear blue**

July 4, 2024: Conference & Food Bank closed. Thrift Store remains open.

July 7, 2024: Patriotic Pipes Concert at St. Andrew's.

July 8, 2024: Fellowship and Induction of Mechelle Shea and Tom Fredericks as Vincentians.

Old Business:

Wanted: District President as Ann Lee is stepping down in September
Can you think of a "Call sign" for our SVdP when visiting another church activity?
Do you feel the calling for our Special Case Committee? Mary has said yes.

New Business:

1. Pat Gorecki has officially stepped up to be the Secretary! We are grateful!
2. There is no door closing device on the Conference's new back door. Larry brought up a good question. Does this follow code?

3. Everyone present at the meeting signed a Mass card and added their thanks to the anonymous donor. Sunday mass will be for our very gracious anonymous donor from SVdP.
4. Dennis called Air Flow and the \$680 (already paid) will only cover twice per year maintenance and filters. He inquired if there would be a % off for any calls for any services in between the Spring & Fall maintenance?
5. Sandy reported that funding for the future backpacks is being reconsidered. Pauline suggested having Fr. Greg send a kind note.
6. **New Guidelines:** This meeting was a third review of the new guidelines. The new start date will be the week of June 24, 2024. A summary of the guidelines follows: (*changes underlined in italic*)
 - a. The purpose of the committee was to identify problems and try to fix them with standardized guidelines. The new guidelines will try to make rules more standardized based for 12 rolling months (i.e. – Jan-Jan; May-May, etc.). The amount and funds used for payments are to be **highlighted** in the Friend's file.
 - b. The guidelines are listed by Category, Amount and Frequency, and Guidelines.
 - c. Currently, 80% of money is used for rent and utilities; 11% for the homeless; and 9% for everything else.
 - d. There will be 7 files – 4 Major files – Rent, Utilities, Homeless and All other; and 3 Add-on files – Fernandez, Single Moms and St. Andrews.
 - e. The Vincentian will not have to decide what funding sources rent will come from if another funding source is used in addition with the Rent Funds. Under the new guidelines, we would annotate the Rent file for \$300 and Blanca and Glenn will work where the money came from.
 - f. As new funding is received, such as United Way, guidelines will be decided at that time how they will be handled. Additionally, these future changes will be reviewed at 2 consecutive meetings before implementation.
 - g. Rent: Up to **\$300 per Household**. Can increase by suing up to 2 add-ons.
 - h. Utilities: Up to **\$150 per Household**. Can increase by suing up to 2 add-ons.
 - i. Homeless: Up to 2 nights in a hotel every 6 months. Up to \$150 per year for supplies, i.e. tents, sleeping bags, backpacks. No Add-on funds.
 - j. All other: Can increase by using up to 2 add-ons. Anything NOT rent, utilities, or Homeless. Cannot be used to add to Rent, Utilities, or Homeless. Special Cases required for taxes, mortgages, moving vans, U-Haul, deposits, cleaning services, auto insurance, title loans, sewer/trash, storage rooms, Greyhound bus. Before paying. Friend must pay his/her portion if applicable.
 - k. The Fernandez Fund amount and frequency write-up will be changed to read:
Up to **\$150 per family**. Up to \$150 every 6 months.
 - l. Single Mom's Fund amount and frequency write-up will be changed to read:
Up to **\$150 per family**. Up to \$150 every 6 months.
 - m. St. Andrew: As much as Church will allow.
Same guidelines and frequency as Fund being added to unless the Church has different guidelines for us.
 - n. Special Cases guidelines were rewritten. \$400 in addition to basic fund and any add-on Special Case Funds will come out of the category that is being used for the Friend, i.e. money for rent COMES from the Rent Fund. A Special Case form, with a thorough description of the need for the additional funds, can be submitted. Unless it is an emergency, Submit form to S.C. Committee towards end of day. Second Vincentian signature-use discernment!

We can write all the checks a Friend needs however, on top of monitoring to God, it is our duty

to have a teaching moment with the Friend. We can write the check and they can go on their way, but it imperative we address the finances and security. Not a CPA course, just have a common sense talk.

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Sandy had a Friend she referred to SEACAP that was denied because she brought her children. Please remind Friends of the requirements (listed on the flier)
- Ann F had a Friend, Connie, with cancer, a partial lung removal and several health problems. She is ready to give up due to the difficulty of treatments. She requested help for gas to Tucson for 15 daily radiation treatments. After conferring with Ann L, and Toni, a call was placed to Ann Lee, who will do a home visit since this Friend is in OLM area. There may still be ways we can help.
- Norm had a Friend whose mother passed away a water bill was overlooked for several months and is very large. St. Andrew's helped significantly.
- Dennis followed up with Susan Niece and made several calls to mold removal companies and a mold testing facility. The cost to test is over \$700. Sherry at Real Wishes said that funds may be cutting back soon and that they would only cover one issue (example: testing for mold vs removal/repairs) SEACAP was also suggested.

Home visits:

- Ann L. and Blanca visited Taniel/Keycha and children. They are at a hotel and the children looked good. He reported he has a job, and a 2nd job. He was told he would be eligible for monthly Food Box and vouchers this year.
- Dennis and Hilary visited Susan Niece, and were concerned that her declining health issues may actually be from the bleach and chemicals she is using rather than the mold she claims to have.

Spiritual Reading: Margaret read from "The Whisper"

- While she has knee surgery, we can take turns providing spiritual reading.

Conference Members Sick or in Distress: Hunter Bird is recovering at home. Deacon Mike. Margaret is having her knee replaced June 27th. Dennis's grandson, Liam, appendectomy, Ann F's Friend, Connie.. Gracie at the Thrift Store, and Colleen both have Covid.

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: Thursday, June 27 @10:00 a.m.
- Finance Meeting: June 20th
- Thrift Store Meeting: July 9 @ 10:00 a.m. (may change)
- Board Meeting: June 25th, @ 10:00 a.m. Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 6:25 p.m.

Recorder: Toni