

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 7/15/24

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline

Time: 5:01 p.m.

Minutes of 7/1/24 Meeting: (x) Read/Approved: Motion by: Ann Lund
 Seconded by: Larry

Minutes of 6/2/24 Meeting: (x) Read/Approved: Motion by: Ann Lund
 Seconded by: Larry

Attendance: Total Active Members (32) LOA (0) Present (21) Absent (11) Quorum (15)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

July 27, 2024: District V, St. Patrick's Hall, Bisbee, Mass at 9:00 a.m.

August 14-17, 2024: National Assembly, Phoenix with Archbishop Andrew Bellisario

Margaret is coming home. Ideas for meals for her? SEAGO?

New Business:

1. Service Pins for Vincentians: Dennis, Toni, Gloria, Estela will be awarded at the next meeting.
2. District 5 meeting at St. Patrick's in Bisbee. Fr. Greg as Spiritual Director. Election of President, as Ann Lee is stepping down, Nancy Ames is nominee. If you would like to attend, please let Pauline know.

3. Christmas in July is happening at our Thrift Store, stop by and see.
4. The Thrift Store has a beautiful new sign on top of the store.
5. Thank you to several Vincentians, Tom who cleared the backdoor entrance of weeds and stood on as Greer installed new door, Al for keeping up with the schedule and working extra hours, 2 day last week. Ann Lee for stepping in working extra hours and Dennis covering an hour although he was to go to airport.
6. What to do with a consistent returning homeless person is obviously mentally ill?
 - When possible call GNA seeking guidance. They know many of our Friends and their unique situations.
 - Sometimes we have no choice but to call the police, as was the case with our distraught Friend that slept in front of the Conference for safety.
 - When a Friend reports they have been a victim of rape, the police are the first to be called, they will handle it from there.
7. We need detergent and it is not part of the budget. If you are able to buy a container, preferably a large one, Frank will bottle it. Put it in the toiletry closet, or put it in the Sacristy labeled for Larry. Dollar Tree detergent separates and is not ideal.
8. Mary shared that GNA has a Rent/Utility Grant. Call them especially if we have already helped our Friends.
9. Toni shared that vouchers are being revamped. Suggestions are welcome. When they are done training will be done with Vincentians and Store employees. If you have suggestions please email Toni.
10. It was discussed that many of our Friends need our help via a food box, voucher, etc. Many supplement their groceries to make it to the next pay day.
11. Mattresses were picked up from Tombstone Hotel. 49 mattress tops were collected and a few chairs. Mia at Don-8-It has twin mattresses if anyone needs one. They have them stored outside so the Friend needs to be told beforehand that they've been stored in an open area and exposed to dust/pollen.
12. There has been an increase in "service" dogs coming in with our Friends. There was a Friend who had a dog relieve itself on another Friend's baby stroller while in the lobby, and a near dog fight between 3 dogs who also barred other Friends from exiting the lobby.
13. Has anyone heard from Gloria?
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Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

Mechelle helped our homeless Friend with a voucher and getting clothing, and bedding. She tried to find shelter for them but their past stays has caused the shelters to deny help. The following morning this Friend had slept on the Conference porch, had extremely heightened hysteria resulting in Tom and Pauline coming. Police were called, ambulance and hospitalization.

Home visits: None reported

1. **Spiritual Reading:** 5 Vincentians shared something to be thankful for
2. **Conference Members sick or in distress:** Margaret, Ann F., Pauline
3. **Prayers for others:** Will be emailed separately
4. **Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting: TBA
- Finance Meeting: 7/25/24, Madonna Hall @10:00 a.m.
- Thrift Store Meeting: 7/13/24, next 8/13/24 Madonna Hall @1:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting: 7/30/24, Madonna Hall @10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 6:02 p.m.

Recorder: Toni