

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 19 August 2024

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline **Time:** 5:05 PM

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

Motion by: Larry Seconded by: Diane

Attendance: Total Active Members (31) LOA (0) Present (21) Absent (10) Quorum (15)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Current Events:

1. SVDP Rule: Each week Pauline will read a SVDP rule from the SVDP rule book as a refresher for us.
2. Vincentian Biography: Al gave us a short biography of his life and how he became a Vincentian. Ann Faust will give us an update at the 26 August 2024 meeting.

Upcoming Events:

1. Birthdays: Hillary, 7 August; Ann Lund, 9 August; Larry, 17 August, and JoAnn, 26 August
2. 28 September 2024: Mass and Walk for the Poor.
3. On September 27th, the feast day of St Vincent De Paul, we will celebrate 50 years of operating in Sierra Vista. We have several ideas on how to celebrate:
 - a. We will be serving coffee and donuts on Sunday, 29 September 2024 after all Masses.
 - b. Stan suggested that a display of cases of shrink-wrapped food showing what we distribute in a day (approximately 40 families) in the church foyer.
 - c. Some ideas from the store - items that the store sells; spin the wheel for 50 cents or 50% off items.
 - d. Ideas for the conference: a statistic poster showing the number of Vincentians, number families

we serve in a month.

e. What are some ideas for after the 5:00 PM Masses on Saturday and Sunday?

4. 9 September 2024 Fellowship: what shall we do? TBD

Old Business: Service Pins for Vincentians – Gloria, Estela.

NEW Business:

1. The Conference members nominated and voted to elect Pauline to a new 3-year term as President (and Tom said okay).

2. On Friday, the refrigerator in the lobby was removed because we didn't know if it was leaking or if someone had spilled a bottle of water. As of today, 19 September 2024, the refrigerator was back in service without any issues.

3. Information from friends: Please be thorough and let's not tell people that they can keep coming back because they have a dollar limit.

4. Arizona IDs and birth certificates for friends: If a friend comes in for an Arizona ID and has previously gotten one, fill out a voucher for ADOT. If a friend has not had an Arizona ID, before they can receive an ID, they need to have a certified copy of their birth certificate.

5. Labor Day is 2 September 2024 and we will be closed.

6. Post Zoom on Proposition 139 – Diane:

a. Diane thanked all those who joined the Zoom meeting on 12 August 2024. We had 11 participants.

b. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 20 August 2024, to form a planning strategy on how/what we can do to inform others on Proposition 139 and how to work with the It Goes Too Far group.

c. If you want to be involved, the It Goes Too Far group, wants everyone to take a training class.

d. The goal is to stop Proposition 139.

e. The Thunder Mountain Church is involved with this issue.

f. People need to be informed that Arizona already has an abortion bill and that this proposition needs to be defeated.

g. This is our chance to do something concrete. We need more people who are bilingual.

h. We need to start getting some ideas about what we can do.

i. Diane will be meeting with Father Greg to get his guidance on how we should go forward with this issue.

7. Tom has been filling in the holes in the back parking lot with gravel. Thanks, Tom.

8. Tom asked the question: can we stop doing anything but food boxes after 3:30 because we can't really give the friend the full attention they may need if rent is involved? It was determined that it is up the Vincentian's discretion as to whether or not they want to handle it or have the friend come back the next day.

9. The 18 August 2024 Church Bullentin had statistics from July on the families we helped. A weekly update will continue in the bulletin with either statistics or with a write-up of a friend who has been helped.

10. Mary said that she keeps the Saint Andrew's business cards with the Mass schedule on the desk so that friends can see them. She has had many people interested and who have taken the cards. It was recommended that the cards be placed on the desk where our friends can see them. We have plenty of the Saint Andrew's business cards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 9 September 2024

A: Food Bank Report:

B: Thrift Store Report:

C: Finance Report:

D: The Poor Box Report:

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: Pauline mentioned how great Greg Montoya from Monty's Motors was in helping a friend, who thought she needed an alternator for her car but only needed a battery.

Home visits: Not sure if this was a home visit but Mechelle said that she and Francisca helped a friend who said that she been abused, had an altercation which resulted in an arrest (which might result in her losing her job), needed finger print cards, and food. Mechelle took her to DES for emergency food stamps and took her home with a food box. There has to be more to the story.

Special cases:

For the Good of the Order:

Spiritual Reading: Pauline read an excerpt from the Hallow series on Saints on Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

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: Thursday, 22 Aug 24 at 10:00 AM
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: Tuesday, 27 Aug 24 at 10:00 AM

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 6:06 PM

Recorder: Pat