

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 26 August 2024

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

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

Motion by: Ann Lund    Seconded by: Francisca

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

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

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

**Current Events:**

1. SVDP Rule: Not read due to time constraints.
2. Vincentian Biography: Ann Faust gave us a short biography of her life. Ann Lund will give us an update at the 16 September 2024 meeting.

**Upcoming Events:**

1. Today, 26 August is Joann's birthday.
2. September Birthdays: Pat and Yolie, 5 September; Martha, 8 September; Ann Fellrath, 10 September; Pauline, 11 September; Father Greg, 14 September; Diane, 24 September; Deacon George, 26 September; and, Gini, 29 September.
3. 2 September 2028, Labor Day, SVDP will be closed
4. Ministry Fair and Parish Picnic is 8 September 2024. Please sign up.
5. 28 September 2024: Mass and Walk for the Poor after the 0900 Mass.
6. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 morning Masses.
  - b. Stan suggested that a display of cases of shrink-wrapped food showing what we distribute in a

day (approximately 40 families) and a display of what's in the food box in the church foyer.

c. Some ideas from the store – 4 gift baskets – Italian, Christmas, children's and movie baskets for silent auction; 50/50 raffle in the store. Other ideas being discussed.

d. Ideas for the conference: a statistic poster showing the number of Vincentians, number families we serve in a month.

e. An idea for after the 5:00 PM Masses on Saturday and Sunday was to serve crackers and cheese. Any other ideas?

f. We need a chairperson to oversee this; Ann Lund (?).

g. We need to do a pulpit call the week before the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

7. 9 September 2024 Fellowship: we will be doing a taco bar. Please sign up to bring something. The sign-up sheet has different items listed for a taco bar. Fellowship is for all members and their spouses.

**Old Business:** Pauline will give Estela and Gloria their pins when she sees them.

### **NEW Business:**

1. Mary Ellen asked that we use discretion when giving out the toiletries. Someone donated a lot of bar soap; thanks.

2. The Sierra Inn, across from the Sierra Vista Veteran's Park has told Pauline that they will let us put someone up there for \$50 a night and a family for \$800 a month. However, they do not currently have a copy of the DNR list to check names against. Do not use Sierra Inn until the manager confirms with Pauline that they have a DNR list.

3. We will continue to firm up plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

4. 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church: Ann Lund had a homeless friend come in who needed a hotel room for a week and he said that the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists would help. Mr. Lamont Garner, from the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church, talked with Ann and said that if we would pay half of the week's amount, they would pay the other half. The total cost of the room was \$436.50 – we paid \$218.25 and they paid the other half. This is another resource for us to use but we should not abuse it. Mr. Garner said that they would also help with rent and utilities.

5. Glenn said that each week a SVDP item will be in the church's weekly bulletin. We will have statistics twice a month and a compelling case twice a month. If you have a moving case, send it to Glenn.

6. Pauline has seasons 1-3 of the Chosen if anyone would like to borrow them.

7. Update on Proposition 139 – Diane:

a. Diane met with Father Greg and we have his full support on proceeding with supporting the defeat of Proposition 139.

b. The State Knights of Columbus put out a flyer asking everyone to pray for the defeat of Proposition 139.

c. The Arizona Bishops are making a video to be played at all churches. The video should be ready soon.

d. Everyone should read Psalm 139 and how it relates to Proposition 139.

e. We can stand outside the park to hand out literature. Diane plans to be there at 0930 on Thursday prior to the Farmer's Market. She needs others to join her.

f. We have a booth at Octoberfest on 13 September. Setup is at 3:30 and the booth needs to be manned from 3:30 to 11:00 on Friday, 13 September and from 11:00 AM until 11:00 PM on Saturday 14 September. Need volunteers.

g. The Knights of Columbus have a booth at the county fair from 25-29 September. We can have materials there but we need volunteers to work shifts at the booth.

h. We have plenty of literature for everyone to take. We also have some bilingual information, mostly for the 12:00 Mass on Sunday and for the county fair.

- i. Diane is set to go to all the Republican club meetings and the Chaplains Breakfast on 12 September. Maybe will try to go to a Democratic club meeting. Would like other to help with this.
- j. Care Net will have the Proposition 139 information on their table at the Ministry Fair.
- k. Early voting starts 9 October, so this information needs to get out.
- 8. Fry's is asking folks to donate to "our" food bank. When asked what food bank, they said Stan's food bank.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Due 9 September 2024 – Please send reports to Pat

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

**Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:**

**Home visits:** Mary, Pauline and Mary Ellen visited a friend in Whetstone who needed help with her water bill. We and Saint Andrew's had helped her in the past. Liberty Water is her water company and they came out to shut off her water. The serviceman who came tried to delay the turn off but the company refused. He helped the friend collect as much water as possible. This friend said that when her husband died, she met 2 "Special Agents" from Fort Huachuca who said they would pay her bills. Evidentially, these 2 individuals did pay her water bill because it was turned back on. The friend also told Mary that she had jury duty in Tucson and didn't know what to do. Mary helped her get out of jury duty. This friend is 85 years old. Liberty Water has a program similar to SWG's LIRA program and they are willing to work with our friends.

**Special cases:**

**For the Good of the Order:**

**Spiritual Reading:** Glenn

**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: Thursday, 5 Sep 24 @ 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Finance Meeting: None in Sep
- Thrift Store Meeting: Tuesday, 10 Sep 24 @ 1:00 PM, Madonna Hall
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: Tuesday, 24 Sep 24 @ 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

**Closing Prayer:** Ann Lund

**Adjourned:** 6:06 PM

**Recorder: Pat**