

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 21 October 2024

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Pauline      **Time:** 5:00 PM

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

Motion by: Ann Lund    Seconded by: Larry

**Attendance: Total Active Members (31)    LOA (0)    Present (22)    Absent (9)    Quorum (15)**

<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>MEMBERS</b>		<b>Associate Member</b>	
Al	X	Larry	X			Ann Fellrath	
Ann F.	X	Margaret	X			Barbara S	
Ann L.	X	Marge	X			George	
Colleen	A	Mary Ellen	X			JoAnn	
Dennis	A	Mary	A			Jose	
Diane	X	Mechelle	X			Marianne	
Dotti	A	Michael C	A			Martha	
Estela	A	Norm	X			Michaela	
Francisca	A	Pat	X			Stephen	X
Gini	X	Pauline	X			Yolanda	
Glenn	X	Sandra	X				
Gloria	X	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	A						

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

**Current Events:**

Vincentian Biography: Diane will give a short biography at the 4 November 2024 meeting.

**Upcoming Events:**

1. October birthdays: Kathy Cammack, 6 October; Margie, 13 October; Sandra, 16 October, Margaret, 21 October; and Marianne McWilliams, 23 October.
2. Turkey box (TB) distribution is on Monday, 25 November. Each family will receive the same size box. The size of the turkey will depend on the number of family members. Please highlight the friend's file in **red** that a TB has been requested.
3. Simon Callendar is acting in a community theatre group Christmas play at the mall, 13-19 December. Times for the play are Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 3:00 PM.

**Old Business:** Gloria will receive her 10-year pin at a later date.

## **NEW Business:**

1. There is no meeting on 28 October 2024. The next meeting is 4 November 2024.
2. FYI – the 988-emergency number is nationwide and adjusts to where you are calling from. This is a number for mental health emergencies.
3. Turkey donations are being accepted. See the Sunday bulletin for information. This event is not for social media. Turkey boxes are for residents of the Sierra Vista zip codes only. OLM is also doing sign ups. The Salvation Army will have two seatings for Thanksgiving dinner – 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. The Salvation Army requests that people register for the dinner; they will be given a ticket for dinner upon registration.
4. The City of Sierra Vista conducted a water test at the conference and food bank and discovered that there is lead in the water. Please, don't drink the water or use it to make coffee.
5. When our friends come in needing monetary help, please determine why and try to find out resources, other than what we have, to help them.
  - a. GNA has a grant program for those working who have an eviction notice. They need to provide proof of working (letter from employer/leave and earnings statement); Social Security cards or birth certificates for everyone in the household. We should call GNA and refer the friend to them.
  - b. AZ.gov and well as SEACAP have emergency money for rent and utilities.
6. Microgreens won't be coming until December. There will be samples delivered for us to taste. Please rinse (do not use conference or food bank water), then eat.
7. Thrift Store Vouchers: Toni brought copies of the newly redone vouchers.
  - a. Clothing Voucher:
    - (1) Unnecessary and redundant information was removed from the voucher. The voucher is once every 3 months.
    - (2) The store has a clothing rack set up for interview clothing. Please annotate on the form that the friend needs clothes for an interview.
    - (3) The quantity of items has been reduced on the forms and only the store employees will fill in the quantity given.
    - (4) If the clothing is for an adult, only the name of the friend needs to be on the form. If the voucher is for children, the name, gender and age should be on the form.
    - (5) The clothing voucher is a 2-sided form, so turn it over if more space is needed.
    - (6) The case workers name/initials and voucher number should go on the line for Vincentian's name (Blanca can tell you your number).
    - (7) In order to prevent the friend from commenting in the special circumstances area, the case worker should make some type of mark or put their initials.
  - b. Furniture Voucher:
    - (1) The voucher is valid once every 6 months.
    - (2) Please line through any items not requested by our friend.
    - (3) If our friend asks about something special, please call the store to see if it's available.
    - (4) The case workers name/initials and voucher number should go on the line for Vincentian's name (Blanca can tell you your number).
    - (5) In order to prevent the friend from commenting in the special circumstances area, the case worker should make some type of mark or put their initials.
  - c. Vouchers can be redeemed at the store Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and on Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

d. The Thrift Store will honor vouchers from other conferences in our Vicariate.

8. Update on Proposition 139. Diane said it's important for us to work on this in the next two weeks. Although the percentage of those FOR the proposition has significantly dropped, it still looks like it will pass. Diane received an email with some videos which she will send to us and asks that we share them on our social media platforms. She asked that we flood the newspaper with letters to the editor. Also, she will be receiving more signs and literature later this week. Diane will also send out literature to the other conferences.

9. Pauline requested mileage Vincentians travel to and from meetings. She is going to use between 200-300 miles per year.

10. Marge showed us some exercises for improving our balance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Due 4 November

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

**Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:** None

**Home visits:** None

**Special cases:**

**For the Good of the Order:**

**Spiritual Reading:** Margaret

**Conference Members Sick or in Distress:** Deacon George and Martha, Deacon Mike and Helen, Ruby and Norm, Kathy and Mike. Colleen fell and had a concussion as well as a compression fracture to L4. She will have surgery on 5 November.

**Prayers for others:** Will be emailed separately

**Vincentian Schedule:** Will be emailed separately.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Food Bank Meeting: Done
- Finance Meeting: Thursday, 24 October 2024, 10:00, Madonna Hall
- Thrift Store Meeting: Done
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: Tuesday, 29 October 2024, 10:00, Madonna Hall

**Closing Prayer:** Ann Lund

**Adjourned:** 6:00 PM

**Recorder:** Pat