

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 4 November 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: Gloria

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

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Current Events:

Vincentian Biography: Diane and Estela will give short biographies at the 18 November 2024 meeting.

Upcoming Events:

1. November birthdays: Tom, 1 November and Blanca, 12 November.
2. 9 November 2024: Funeral services for Alfredo Jacobo Alvarado, Francisca's father-in-law, will be 9 November 2024 at St. Andrew's; Rosary at 10:30 AM and Mass at 11:00 AM.
3. 11 November 2024: The SVDP conference and food bank are closed for Veteran's Day. The thrift store is open.
4. 12 November 2024: Corporal Mass at 9:00 AM
5. 23 November 2024: Funeral services for Greg Bianco will be 23 November 2024 at 12:00 PM at St. Andrew's.

6. Turkey Box (TB) distribution is on Monday, 25 November 2024. A sign-up sheet will be at the conference for Vincentians to annotate when they can help.
7. 11 December 2024: Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at St. Andrew's.
9. 13-29 December 2024: 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. See flyer at conference for more information.
10. 20 December 2024: Christmas Rosary at Our Lady of the Sierras.

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

NEW Business:

1. There is no meeting on 11 November 2024. The next meeting is 18 November 2024.
2. Pauline handed out the funding changes for our friends that were recommended by the finance committee and approved by the board. These changes take effective 5 November 2024 and they are as follow:
 - Rent - \$250; utilities - \$100; homeless - \$150 (up to 2 nights); other - \$100. ADD Ons: Anita Fernandez - \$100; Single Mom - \$50; St. Andrews - \$150 (max is usually \$150 depending on circumstances); and special cases - \$250 (if the need is over \$250, it must be unanimously approved by the committee and it is an extraordinary circumstance).
3. 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.
4. Turkey boxes:
 - a. 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. Information on the Salvation Army's registration process is at the conference. Please highlight the friend's file in **red** that a TB has been requested.
 - b. Currently, **257** turkey boxes have been requested. The plan is to cap the number of turkey boxes requested at 300.
5. Three (3) friends are currently using SVDP as their address and we are getting their mail. There is a handout at the conference with their names. They need to be told to go to GNA and arrange to have their mail delivered there.
6. Please do not talk about any amount we can help a friend with. Pauline was placed in an awkward situation by someone doing this.

7. The United Way balance is \$761.00. In accordance with the new funding amounts, the amount for rent is \$250 and utilities is \$100. We will stretch this money as far as we can.
8. Thrift Store Vouchers: Toni asked that when using the new vouchers, Vincentians remember to do the following:
 - a. Clothing Voucher: Add the names of the person(s) getting the clothes and cross out the extra areas not being used.
 - b. Furniture Voucher: Add the amount of what is needed in the column and cross out the extra areas not being used.
9. Pauline thanked Glenn for doing a great job with the finances. Glenn said that we don't know how many grants we may get this coming year which necessitated a reduction in the funding for our aid to friends. The goal is to provide more friends help with the new funding amounts which will be reviewed after 90 days.
10. Coats for Kids. This program is starting up again. There are forms at the conference. The coats are for kids through high school. Please indicate on the form whether the coat is for a boy or girl, their numerical size and the parents' phone number.
11. Edward Jones and another organization delivered food today.
12. Ann Faust thanked everyone who helped with the bazaar.
13. Anna Lee is the new Assistant Store Manager.
14. This is not a SVDP issue but could be of interest to you regarding recycling. You can take a survey, by creating an account at <https://engage.sierravistaaz.gov/recycling-survey>.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A:** Food Bank Report:
- B:** Thrift Store Report: \$41,637.03 for October
- C:** Finance Report:
- D:** The Poor Box Report:

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: None

Home visits: Gloria and Pat did a food delivery.

Special cases:

For the Good of the Order: Pauline's friend, Kathy Reibock, wanted to remind SVDP about the scholarships that Epsilon Sigma Alpha offers. The scholarships are not only for education but for other areas, such as CDL and CNA training. For more information on what is offered go to: www.episilonsigmaalpha.org

Spiritual Reading: Pauline read a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Conference Members Sick or in Distress: Deacon George and Martha, Deacon Mike and Helen, Ruby and Norm, Kathy and Mike, Colleen, Hilary, Ed Graveline, and Julia.

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: Thursday, 21 November 2024, 10:00, Madonna Hall, (if needed)
- Thrift Store Meeting: 13 November 2024, 1:30, Madonna Hall
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: Tuesday, 26 November 2024, 10:00, Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Pat

Adjourned: 5:40 PM

Recorder: Pat