

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 2 December 2024

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline Time: 5:03 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 (24) Absent (7) Quorum (15)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Pauline introduced Berlynda Schaaf as a perspective new Vincentian.

Current Events:

Vincentian Biography: Estela gave a short biography of her life.

Upcoming Events:

1. December birthdays: Toni, 5 December, Stan, 15 December, Norm, 16 December, and Gloria, 27 December.
2. Giving Tuesday: Tuesday, 3 December 2024 is giving Tuesday. Don't forget SVDP. Married couples can donate \$938 and singles can donate \$425.
3. 8 December 2024: St. Nicholas Fair. SVDP will have a table there from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Pauline will ask Leah to put together a gift basket. If you can work for a couple of hours on Sunday, please come.

4. 9 December 2024: Fellowship dinner at 5:00 PM in Kino Hall. Sign-up sheets are at the conference and the thrift store for what everyone is bringing. All are invited to participate and attend.
5. 10 December 2024 is the SVDP Corporal Mass.
6. 12 and 13 December 2024: Christmas at the thrift store for students from Huachuca City and Carmichael Schools will be held from 9:00-10:00 AM each day. Santa's helpers are needed; please let Toni know if you can help. Each student will be given a \$25 voucher to shop in the store.

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

NEW Business:

1. Each time that our friends visit, ask them if they are on LIRA (Southwest Gas), WIC, and/or AHCCCS; ask if they know about free or reduced lunches, and the Salvation Army's commodities program. We have many new friends and many are not keeping up with their benefits. **Vincentians:** if you see a new friend, please annotate on your Log-In sheet the word NEW in the margin by the friend's name and in their file that they are new.
2. Where can our friends go for help this time of year? There is the firefighter's toy drive, coats for kids (SVDP and all schools), Toys for Tots, Angel Tree at St. Andrew's and the Salvation Army. Tom will check on information for Toys for Tots.
3. 16 December 2024 Meeting: a decision will be made at the 9 December 2024 fellowship gathering as to whether or not there will be a meeting on 16 December.
4. Pauline thanked everyone who helped at the turkey box distribution. 260 turkey boxes were distributed between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM. Larry said that some people came after 1:00 PM and got their boxes. Sierra Vista Electric donated 30 turkeys the Friday prior to distribution.
5. There was discussion on how to electronically make donations to SVDP. A couple of donations were received through Zell but there were issues with them because there is no platform set up to correctly receive them. Larry said that the Knights use a program called, Zeffy, and that he would get more information to Pauline on the program.
6. Dotti said that on Monday at the conference, she had a friend who would not give any of the information required for our files. She told him that she was unable to help him.
7. On Tuesday, 3 December 2024, Pauline will be attending the meeting concerning the \$1,000,000 AZ appropriations bill to DES granting money to Cochise County for food distribution.
8. As of January 2025, GNA will be absorbed by Catholic Community Service. Kathy Calibrese will replace Maryann Hockstad on the Catholic Community Services committee.
9. **PLEASE NOTE:** Pauline received the following from St. Andrew's: If you need funds from St, Andrew's, call the church office. If you need more than \$100, you need to contact Kate; she requests you TEXT HER AND NOT CALL. She will reply to you. Her number is 520-732-4287. Blanca will have the number and put it in the St. Andrew's file in the back room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 2 December 2024

- A: Food Bank Report: NA
- B: Thrift Store Report: \$38,380.22; daily average: \$1,535.21
- C: Finance Report: \$63,000 donations for November
- D: The Poor Box Report: \$219.61

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: Mary had a friend come in who was scammed out of \$2,200. The scammer said that someone at Wells Fargo Bank was involved so not to tell anyone in the bank. The bank asked why she was withdrawing the money but she would not tell them. Be alert for these “professional” scammers.

Home visits: Mary, Ray, Diane, and Tom visited and delivered furniture to Shanna and her mother. The doctors are amazed at how well her mother is doing. A home health worker comes in Monday, Wednesday and Fridays in the morning to help her mother. Shanna’s cousin has a storage shed that is full of items, some of which, she would like to donate to SVDP.

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, Hilary, Ed Graveline, Ron Faulkner

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: January 2025
- Thrift Store Meeting: Wednesday, 11 December 2024, 1:30, Madonna Hall
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: If needed, by email

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 5:50 PM

Recorder: Pat