

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 28 April 2025

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg **Time:** 5:03 PM

Spiritual Enrichment: Father Greg

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

Motion by: Ann Lund Seconded by: Larry

Attendance: Total Active Members (33) LOA (0) Present (23) Absent (10) Quorum (16)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Minutes from 7 April 2025 and 21 April 2025 were approved at this meeting.

Father Greg gave the following information on the funerals for Deacon George and Mike Feeney:

- a. Deacon George's funeral is Wednesday, 7 May 2025; Rosary at 10:00 AM; Mass at 10:30 AM
- b. Mike Feeney's funeral is Friday, 9 May 2025; Rosary at 10:00 AM; Mass at 10:30 AM

Father Greg thanked Pauline for purchasing a beautiful veil with the SVdP emblem to cover the urns.

Father Greg provided the following Spiritual Enrichment from the book Seasons in Spirituality by Father Robert Maloney. Father Robert Maloney was the Superior General of the Congregation of Mission, the head of all the Vincentians. A very gifted writer – Father Robert P. Maloney, CM, Congregation of the Mission, which is the real name for Vincentians. (Disclaimer: I couldn't hear all

of what was said but hopefully the gist of the reading has been captured.)

Father Maloney's reflections on friendships:

There are people who play an extremely important role in our lives and to whom it seems, in regards to spirituality, sometimes pays little attention to these friendships. To call them soul friends might be too much since we may have never thought of our relationship in terms like that but they are surely friends, wonderful ones in fact, people with whom, we may at times, share thoughts that we reveal to no one else and who are our companions in many of life's joys and sorrows. Without ever analyzing the matter systematically, we easily distinguish such friends from simple comrades whom we like being with on occasion or whose interest we sometimes share. Intimate, long-lived mature friendships are much rarer than simple camaraderie. They sometimes begin by a mere chance happening and ignite quite spontaneously, quickly touching the deepest part of our person. At other times, such genuine friendships develop slowly between spouses, brothers and sisters, parents and children. If in our mind's eye, we picture lovers standing face to face, our image for faithful friends envisions them walking side by side with us. Sometimes, of course with spouses as genuine friends, these two images are applicable to the same person but this is not always the case. We sense within ourselves a deeply appreciative love of such friends even, and perhaps especially, when we know their faults and they know ours. Their number will never be that great; in fact, we can count ourselves very blessed when we are part of any group of friends.

Current Events:

Upcoming Events: As stated above, funeral services for Deacon George and Mike Feeney
10 May – Postal food drive (Neither Pauline or Larry will be there but Ann Lund will be). Anyone who wants to help out, please be at the food bank parking lot at 2:30 to help receive food from the Post Office.

April birthdays: 2 April – Al, 29 April – Scotty

Old Business:

NEW Business:

1. The peanut butter and jelly drive provided us with 568 sets. Also, a 50/50 drawing was conducted and \$500 was given to SVdP. This money will go towards the Heather Bird Single Mom's Fund.
2. Toiletries: please do not give out toiletries unless the friend asks for them. Do not give out handfuls of toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, etc.
3. Free phones: these phones are no longer being given out. Tom is going to check with Walmart to see how much a phone, with minutes, costs. (From past experiences, the cost is between \$75-80 and would come from the utility fund.) If someone needs a phone or minutes, we may have to take/meet them at Walmart.
4. If Pauline's friend, Ann Louise Sanchez, comes in to the office, she must report on Tuesday for her probation hearing at the Colonia del Salud Office. Pauline has not been able to contact her.
5. Pauline had a pamphlet from The Lending Closet, located in Huachuca City. They will help us, at no cost, with incontinence items and medical equipment. Medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, bath chairs, etc., can be lent out for 3 months at a time. The Lending Closet is sponsored by Family

Healthcare Amigos. They will deliver supplies and equipment to the conference when we request it. We will retain some of the incontinent items currently at the conference and Mary Ellen will provide the rest to the Lending Closet.

6. An Oxford House for women is opening this week by the men's house. There are about 5 spaces for women. More information will be forthcoming.

7. Last Thursday, a friend, Tristen Knapp was removed from the conference because he was disruptive in the waiting room and was making other friends uncomfortable. The police were called and he was removed. He has been issued a one-year stay away from SVdP.

8. SSVEC: Starting 2 June, SSVEC will be closed on Fridays. Their new hours are Monday-Thursday, 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM. More information is needed on how to handle SSVEC requests on Friday.

9. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton Conference Visit. Ten members from the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton Conference will be visiting us on Thursday, 1 May 2025. They will be here for 9:00 AM Mass, then a visit to the conference, food bank, and thrift store.

10. District 5 meeting is on 17 May 2025 in Safford. Pauline, Ann Lund, and Margie are going. Pauline has room for one more person.

11. A movie on Blessed Carlo Acutis is showing at the Cinemark. His canonization was supposed to be 27 April 2025 but because of the Pope's death, it has been postponed to a later date. (As an aside, on the Formed site, there is a 35-minute video on Blessed Carlo Acutis. Saint Andrew's supports the Formed site; check the bulletin on how to use it.)

12. Father Greg said that our teens had a great time in Rome and although they were going to be there for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, they were able to attend the viewing of the Pope and attend his funeral. The teens will be sharing their insights from the trip this Sunday, 4 May 2025, at the Life Teen meeting, after the 5:00 PM Sunday Mass. Father Greg said that Seminarian Carlos said that this was the best preparation for his ordination. Dennis' grandson, who is a Seminarian in England, was also in Rome.

13. A review of money received from Anthony (United Way). Although this is not United Way money, it will be used following United Way procedures.

a. One time use for each friend.

b. The United Way form will be filled out and a copy of the check will be made for Blanca.

c. The SVdP guidelines will be used - \$250 for rent and \$100 for utilities. If an add-on account is used, 2 checks need to be written.

d. Each friend's file will be annotated that this money was used and the check number and amount will be listed in the file. Please **highlight** this information in the friend's file.

e. If a friend has been helped with this money for rent but comes in the following month for help with utilities, use SVdP money (Blanca will have the SVDP rent and utilities files until this grant money is exhausted.)

f. We **will not start using this money on 1 May** as previously stated. Once Sacred Heart funds

are exhausted, then we will start using this money. Blanca will let us know when we need to start filling out the required forms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 5 May 2025

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

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Ann Lund had a friend who needed help with auto parts. She went to Auto Zone (?) wearing her SVdP vest and asked if we could have a discount. The clerk said yes; you have helped me with rent and food in the past.

- Mary had a friend come in with a \$1,500 SSVEC bill. She said they were sent to us by the 7th Day Adventists. Mary referred them to SEACAP.

- Mary was in McDonald's and had her SVdP shirt on and someone stopped her to thank her for the help they received from us.

- Margaret has a friend come in who just started working at Texas Roadhouse and need the right shoes. He had been to the store and they didn't have what he needed. So, Margaret took him to Walmart and got him a pair of non-slip shoes for \$29.

Home visits:

Special cases:

For the Good of the Order:

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress: Pope Francis, the Feeney family, Deacon George and family, Mott family.

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: No meeting until July
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting:

Vincentian meeting: 5 May 2025, at 5:00 PM

Closing Prayer: Father Greg

Adjourned: 5:50 PM

Recorder: Pat