

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 19 May 2025

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline **Time:** 5:01 PM

Spiritual Enrichment: Father Greg was in Douglas saying Mass at the prison

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

Motion by: Ann Lund Seconded by: Larry

Attendance: Total Active Members (32) LOA (0) Present (21) Absent (11) Quorum (16)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Welcome to Judy Jones, a perspective new Vincentian.

Minutes from 5 May 2025 were approved. Minutes from 28 April 2025 still need to be approved because there was no quorum on 5 May 2025 and were forgotten about at the 19 May 2025 meeting.

Current Events:

Upcoming Events: 26 May 2025 – Memorial Day Holiday – Conference and Food Bank will be closed. The Thrift Store will be open for half a day.

May birthdays: 8 May – Estela; 9 May – Mike Cammack; 16 May – Mary; 21 May Mary Ellen and Janet

Old Business:

NEW Business:

1. SSVEC:

a. The SSVEC employee generated funds will be received once a month during the first week of the month. This money can be used for a SSVEC customer to help pay for electric, gas, or water. The limit is \$100.00.

b. During the District 5 meeting, it was decided that our Conference can help SSVEC customers in Elfrida, Patagonia and Sonoita with this money. If someone from these areas calls in for help, please check with Blanca to see if there is still money in the SSVEC account. If money is exhausted, we will not be able to help them. The limit for help is \$100.00 and can only be used once a year. A file should be created with the friend's name, address, phone number and SSVEC account number.

c. For friends in the 85635 and 85616 zip codes, the SSVEC limit is \$100.00 but can be supplemented by one of the add-on funds. SSVEC funds can only be used once a year.

d. SSVEC and Vincentians working on Friday: Since SSVEC will be closed on Friday, we will not be able to verify a friend's account. Any checks written to SSVEC on Friday, will be put in an envelope along with the request that a receipt be sent via email for each customer, and put in their drop box. SSVEC Smart Hub is an automated system that most friends have access to and, with the friend's permission, we should be able to pull up their account and see their bill. All departments of SSVEC will be closed on Fridays, so no cut-offs to electricity will occur.

2. District 5 Meeting. Pauline, Ann Lund, and Margie went to the meeting with Father Greg, as our Spiritual Advisor. The meeting went well. Did you know that a non-Catholic can be an Associate Member?

3. When friends with children come in, ask if they are on the reduced breakfast and lunch programs. If yes, SNAP provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budgets. They need to go to DES to get the amount adjusted before summer. Carmichael and CAS schools will be providing summer meals.

4. We will find out if we will get the \$17K CDBG grant from the city at the Sierra Vista City council meeting in June for the Thrift Store parking lot. This is the money from the CBDG grant that Ann and Larry presented to the Council in April.

5. The funds from the \$1M grant that Cochise County received from the State is finally being received. Our request for a commercial scale and shelving for the CONNEX has been approved.

6. Starting June 2025, food from the Southern Arizona Community Food Bank, in Tucson, will be shipped to our food bank. We will receive notification.

7. Thanks to Ann Faust for all her work in getting the children's area of the Thrift Store organized.

8. Thanks to Mary Ellen, and Pat and Jerry Till for helping out with the food drive.

9. Thrift Store – there is a vacant position in donations at the store.

10. Captains Ty and Heather Baze at the Salvation Army are being reassigned to California in July. The new officers are coming from Tucson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

- Margaret had a friend come in who had been assaulted in her car and needed help. Margaret called the Salvation Army and Captain Heather came and talked with the friend and made her an appointment for the following morning with their social worker. Whether or not she showed up is unknown. The police need to be called to handle this type of assault before we do anything.

- Tom went to Walgreens and saw a homeless women sitting outside. He gave her a Better Bucks book and bought her some food. According to Marge, the woman came to the conference on Monday for help. Marge called Community Partners and got her an appointment for Tuesday at 10:00 AM. Anchor House, which helps with domestic issues was mentioned. Ilona said she would look into Anchor House.

Home visits:

Special cases:

For the Good of the Order: When God's love changes us, and when we bear love for one another, this moves others to believe in Christ to know that God's love is dwelling is with the human race.

Spiritual Reading: A copy of the Contemplation: With Singular Prudence and Modesty that Pauline read from is attached as a Word document.

Conference Members Sick or in Distress: Alma, Theresa, Ruby

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: July or August
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 27 May 2025, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

Vincentian meeting: 2 June 2025, 5:00 PM, Madonna Hall

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 5:45 PM

Recorder: Pat