

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 18 August 2025

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Pauline **Time:** 5:07 PM

Spiritual Enrichment: Father Greg was in Douglas

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

Motion by: Ann Lund Seconded by: Glenn

Attendance: Total Active Members (33) LOA (0) Present (27) Absent (6) Quorum (16)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

August Birthdays – 7 August – Hilary; 9 August – Ann Lund; 26 August – JoAnn Schneider

Current Events:

Upcoming Events:

- 25 August 2025 – Weekly Vincentian Meeting at 5:00 PM

Old Business:

NEW Business:

1. SSVEC:

a. Pauline had a meeting with SSVEC on Wednesday. The CEO, financial manager and the main

technical person attended the meeting. It was stated that all the employees of SSVEC contribute to the fund provided to SVdP. When a Vincentian takes a check to SSVEC, please thank them for their support. SSVEC Employee Appreciation Day is 13 October 2025.

b. Please make sure that a friend's SSVEC notice has a disconnect warning on it. For prepay accounts, the customer is warned 4 days in advance. If the account (not prepay) has been disconnected, the fee to reconnect is \$60+ (the friend's responsibility) plus the balance due. Please verify all costs when your call the office. SSVEC stated that we have been overpaying in many cases. Keep in mind, SVdP does not have to pay the entire balance; just enough to prevent a disconnect or until the friend gets paid. If SSVEC funds are used to pay the bill, please annotate this in the friend's file.

c. SSVEC will not disconnect electricity on a Friday. Since the Vincentians working on Friday cannot verify a friend's bill with SSVEC, they need to make sure that a bill, either paper or digital, is presented before making a payment.

d. If a friend comes in with a very sad story and SSVEC funds will be used to help them, please write something up that can be shared with SSVEC; they would like to see how their funds are being used. Of course, omit the friend's name from the write-up.

2. Contractors Association: Lori Rutherford from Lori's Place provided Pauline an updated list of businesses that hire felons. Pauline updated the list in the Work for Felons File. Please tell the friend that they need to go and apply in person at the respective businesses.

3. Vouchers: Some friends come in on a recurring basis requesting vouchers because theirs has been lost or stolen. It was recommended that the Vincentian call the store to see if the friend has a voucher on file. It was also recommended that the Vincentian take the voucher to the store at the close of business instead of giving the friend the voucher. It will be the Vincentian's decision on how to handle this – give the voucher to the friend or take it to the store at the end of the day.

4. Toiletries: Pauline handed out a list on how toiletries are to be distributed. Please do not give the friend everything; ask what they need. A copy of the toiletries list is in the supply room.

5. Next week Father Greg and Sergeant Borgstadt, SVPD, will be here. Sergeant Borgstadt is going to talk about the Better Bucks program. Please bring some cash to buy some booklets. The cost per booklet is \$6.00. The store is reimbursed for any Better Bucks used there.

6. Scotty, Tom, and Larry have been working on submitting information for 3 grants.

7. Maury is retiring at the end of September. The next Ozanam training will be in October.

8. Ilona had a friend come in whose low-rent Government contract ended and she had no plan for how she was going to pay for future rent. Be aware that other friends may come in with a similar problem.

9. After the discussion below about the difficult case regarding the friend's income being less than the monthly rent, Scotty said that this is an issue with the grant applications. Information requested on the applications asks what is the immediate impact and then what is the long-term impact to help the friend be self-sustaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 8 September 2025

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

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: April V. Pauline had a friend come in who needed help with rent. The problem is she needed \$960 but her income is only \$450. This is a no-win situation. Pauline called Westwood Apartments and this is not the first time the friend has been delinquent with rent. As of 20 August 2025, the friend has to move.

Home visits: Pauline and Tom; Toni and Ann Lund did a food delivery

Special cases: Mary had a special case for a friend who needed a third day in a hotel; the special case was approved.

For the Good of the Order: Contemplation: They Shall Be First (attached)

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress:

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately. Another person is needed for Wednesday and Thursday.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: 21 August 2025, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 26 August 2025, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

Vincentian Meeting: - 25 August 2025 - Weekly Meeting

Closing Prayer: Ann Lund

Adjourned: 6:05 PM

Recorder: Pat