

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 3 November 2025

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg **Time:** 5:00 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 (32) LOA (0) Present (23) Absent (9) Quorum (16)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

November Birthdays – 1 November – Tom; 2 November – Miceala Straja; 3 November – Silvia (who cleans the conference); 12 November – Blanca

1. Visitors: Anthony from United Way and Ramona MaCaa, President of United Way.
 - a. Anthony said that they are giving us \$9,000 to be used for rent and/or utilities.
 - b. How the money is divided will be determined by SVdP. Money needs to be used by June 2026.
 - c. The demographic forms used for United Way will be used **only for friends who live in Sierra Vista.**
 - d. The money can be used only once by the friend, either for rent or utilities but not both and the friend needs to contribute.

e. Anthony felt that helping with SNAP benefits was more important than those folks who have been furloughed.

f. Anthony also mentioned that Catholic Community Services (CCS) had money for rent and utilities but Pauline said according to Terrance, our POC, that money is gone.

g. The United Way board bought gift cards from Walmart and Target to help during the government shutdown.

2. Father Greg. Father Greg's reflections are attached (3 documents).

Current Events:

Upcoming Events:

- 8 November 2025 – Ladies of St. Andrew Bazaar
- 11 November 2025 – Veterans Day, Conference and food bank are closed
- 16 November 2025 - 10:00 AM-12:00 PM – Michelle, who owns a hair salon on Bartow, is offering free haircuts in exchange for food to be donated to the food bank.
- 17 November 2025 – Next Vincentian Meeting
- 24 November 2025 – Turkey Box distribution from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM; conference and food bank will be closed.
- 27 November 2025 – Thanksgiving – Conference, food bank, and thrift store are closed.
- 28 November 2025 – Conference and food bank are closed.

Old Business: Turkey box sign up is finished.

NEW Business:

1. Vouchers. A reminder on how to use the vouchers.

a. Clothing vouchers: The top part of the voucher needs to be filled in with the friend's information as well as the Vincentian's name and number. The name of each person requesting clothing needs to be on the form; if for children, their name, age and gender. Make sure to X out any unused areas on the form and to X out the special instructions if there are none. There is no need to call the store to see if clothing items are available.

b. Furniture. The top part of the voucher needs to be filled in with the friend's information as well as the Vincentian's name and number. Make sure to X out any unused areas on the form and to X out the special instructions if there are none. Indicate on the form what furniture is needed. Please call the store to see if those items are available before sending the friend over to the store.

2. Hoops House. The lease on Hoops House runs out 28 February 2026 and the property will probably be sold. The current residents will need to find a place to live. In November, the manager for Hoops House came in and got food for everyone living in the house, so be aware if someone comes in looking for food. For December, January, and February, individuals from Hoops House need to come individually to get food. Food will not be given for the entire house.

3. Pauline's friend is donating \$5,000 to the food bank.

4. Pauline will send a YES vote from the St. Andrew's SVdP Conference to the Diocese to support Daniel Davis as the new SVdP President for Southern Arizona to replace Maury.

5. Pauline read a touching story to be sent to the organization providing the Sacred Heart grant telling them how their money was used. We need more touching stories showing the support we provide.
6. Blanca has a list of all the food pantries in the area as well as other services.
7. Eileen Hill, the new store manager, started today, 3 November 2025.
8. We need to remind our friends that commodities distribution is at the Salvation Army on 4 and 11 November 2025. Friends need to sign up at the Salvation Army to meet their eligibility requirements so they can receive food.
9. Pauline will be gone for two weeks and Ann will be in charge.
10. Ann Faust thanked everyone for their prayers during her surgery and recovery.
11. Pauline thanked Glenn and Diane for all their help at the Thrift Store. Glenn thanked Pauline, Tom, Toni, Mary Ellen, Colleen, Dennis for their help. Glenn also sent the following:

Last night, I walked into Kino Hall to a round of applause for the success of the October store sales. Pauline was quick to give Diane and me credit for our hard work. I also gave Pauline, Tom, and Toni credit. Then the Vincentians, volunteers, and employees. But I obviously forgot the most important credit, to our Lord Jesus Christ.

So let the record be straight, the minutes be revised, to reflect that Jesus Christ made the store a success in October, and the rest of us were pleased to follow his guidance. Thank you.

Let my smile reflect Your radiance, my words reflect Your kindness, and my actions reflect Your goodness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 3 November 2025

- A. Food Bank Report:
- B. Thrift Store Report: \$41,000 for November; the best in 2 years
- C. Finance Report:
- D. Poor Box Report: \$237.08

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases: Pauline helped a man named John who wanders the streets in Sierra Vista. He came in to the store in tattered clothes and she got him some new clothes and shoes.

Home visits:

Special cases:

For the Good of the Order:

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress: Ruby who is starting pain therapy and for the discovery of some new cancers.

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting:
- Thrift Store Meeting: 12 November 2025, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 25 November 2025, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

Vincentian Meeting: - 17 November 2025, Madonna Hall - Weekly Meeting

Closing Prayer: Father Greg

Adjourned: 5:50 PM

Recorder: Pat