

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 1 December 2025

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg **Time:** 5:05 PM

Spiritual Enrichment: Father Greg

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

Motion by: Ann Seconded by: Glenn

Attendance: Total Active Members (32) LOA (0) Present (24) Absent (9) Quorum (8)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

December Birthdays – 5 December – Toni; 15 December – Stan; 16 December – Norm; 27 December - Gloria

Father Greg reiterated his comments from 3 November 2025 on the Icon of the Last Supper by Filipino artist, Joey Velasco (comments attached as a Word document).

Eileen Hill, the new Store Manager was introduced at the meeting.

Current Events:

Upcoming Events:

- 8 December 2025 – No Vincentian meeting; Holy Day of Obligation
- 9 December 2025 – Corporal Communion Mass, 9:00 AM
- 11 and 12 December 2025 – Shopping with kids at the Thrift Store (more information below)

- 15 and 29 December 2025 – Next Vincentian meetings, 5:00 PM, Madonna Hall

Old Business: Turkey box distribution was a success. There were less than 20 families who didn't pick up their boxes.

NEW Business:

1. The funds received from United Way started on 1 December 2025.

a. These funds can **only be used for friends who live in Sierra Vista**. The demographic forms used for United Way will be used and a copy of the form and check will be given to Blanca.

b. The money can be used only once by the friend, either for rent or utilities but not both and the friend needs to contribute.

c. A check for rent can be written for up to \$350 with no add-on. A check for utilities can be written for up to \$200 with no add-on.

d. It was decided that a United Way folder would be made and put in the back room. Also, please annotate on the check stub and in the folder notes that United Way funds were used.

e. United Way funds for December will be \$6,500 and the remaining \$3,500 will be used in January.

2. The conference schedule needs to have some spaces filled for Tuesday and Thursday.

3. Ozanam training will be 31 January 2026 at St. Andrew's. Pauline will need some help in planning for the day to include food for breakfast and lunch. Maury and his wife will be conducting the training.

4. Dan Davis, the new Diocese of Tucson SVdP Chairperson, will be inducted on Saturday.

5. On 11 and 12 December 2025, the children from Carmichael School (36 children) and Huachuca City School (27 children) will be shopping at the Thrift Store. Each child will be given a \$25 voucher to shop for family members or friends, but not for themselves. The store will need volunteers to help the children with their shopping. Volunteers should be at the store at 8:30 AM each day. Pauline mentioned that Randi Buros (St. Andrew's Deacon in training) has a Santa suit and she will contact him.

6. Stan got the store a case of bags from Frys.

7. Eileen said that the store made \$2,800 on Black Friday even with 50% off of items. She also stated that the employees were very happy with their turkey boxes. Eileen said that they are trying to get as many Christmas items out for sale as quickly as possible; these items are selling. The store has been emptying the CONNEXs of many items.

8. Sandra reminded everyone that backpacks are to be given out once every 6 months. Faith Presbyterian donates 72 backpacks a year to SVdP.

9. St. Andrew's will be in the Sierra Vista Christmas Parade on Saturday, 6 December 2025. Marge said that the Kiwanis will be selling popcorn and hot chocolate at the parade.

10. On Monday, 12 January 2026, SVdP will have an Epiphany party. The store and food bank

employees will be invited to celebrate with the Vincentians and to thank them for their help and support.

11. A question came up about those families who didn't pick up their turkey boxes - are we going to update their file that they didn't pick them up? Pauline said that next year, Vincentians will be calling those who signed up the week before to remind them.

12. Dottie asked about the Bomba socks that are sitting in the kitchen area of the conference. Pauline said to give them out to our friends. We can put some of the socks on the desks or in the lobby.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 1 December 2025

- A. Food Bank Report: SVdP did not pay for one turkey; they were all donated.
- B. Thrift Store Report: For November 2025 - \$40,999.88
- C. Finance Report: SVdP did great; had over \$118,000 in donations and grants.
- D. Poor Box Report: \$385.01

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

a. Ann had a woman come in whose car was stolen from her apartment. The car was towed and stored at Barnetts and she was responsible for paying the fees which amounted to \$355.50. St. Andrew's gave SVdP \$100 and a Special Case was approved for the balance.

b. Dottie has a friend come in looking for help because he was being evicted from his apartment. The friend is in a HUD sponsored apartment and because his son, who was staying there, was not on the lease, he is being evicted. Several places that the friend looked into do not support HUD, so he doesn't know what he is going to do. Please remind friends that their lease should list all those living in their apartments/houses.

Home visits: Food box deliveries – Larry and Ilona; Ann Lund and Mary. Pauline and Pam made a home visit to a woman who owes over \$3,000 in rent. After talking with her and talking with the landlord, their stories do not match. If she comes in again, not sure what SVdP can do to help her.

Special cases: see above

For the Good of the Order:

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress:

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: TBD
- Thrift Store Meeting: 9 December 2025, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: TBD

Vincentian Meeting: - 15 December 2025, Madonna Hall - Weekly Meeting

Closing Prayer: Father Greg

Adjourned: 5:50 PM

Recorder: Pat