

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 5 January 2026

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Father Greg

Time: 5:05 PM

Spiritual Enrichment:

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

Motion by: Larry Seconded by: Marge

Attendance: Total Active Members (31) LOA (0) Present (19) Absent (12) Quorum (16)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

January Birthdays – 2 January – Judy; 22 January – Jerry

Tiffany Frost from Cal-Ranch presented SVdP with a check for \$2,402.81 as a result of their rounding-up total sales for December 2025. Tiffany called Pauline and would like to volunteer at SVdP.

Current Events:

Upcoming Events:

- 12 January 2026 – Epiphany party – fellowship potluck – see paragraph 1 below
- 13 January 2026 – Corporal Communion Mass, 9:00 AM
- 19 January 2026 – Martin Luther King Holiday, conference and food bank closed
- 31 January 2026 – Ozanam training, Madonna Hall, 9:00 AM
- 21 February 2026 – District meeting will be held at St. Andrew’s – Mass, breakfast and lunch;

more information to follow.

- 7 March 2026 – Art Festival at St. David Monestary; more information to follow.
- 11-14 March 2026 – Cochise County food drive; more information to follow.

Old Business:

NEW Business:

1. On Monday, 12 January 2026, SVdP will have an Epiphany party. The store and food bank employees and their spouses will be invited to celebrate with the Vincentians and to thank them for their help and support. Pauline will put a list at the conference for what food the Vincentians will bring. Ann Faust will call Fran Cassidy to see if the Ladies of St. Andrew will switch locations with SVdP. Location of the fellowship may be moved from Kino Hall to Madonna Hall; Pauline will let everyone know where once the location is confirmed.
2. Ozanam training will be 31 January 2026 at St. Andrew's @ 9:00 AM and projected to end @ 3:00 PM. Pauline will need some help in planning for the day to include food for breakfast and lunch. Eleven Vincentians are planning to attend the training; hopefully, some are also volunteering to help. Maury and his wife will be conducting the training. Training should be attended at least once every 5 years.
3. Liberty Water. On Friday, Al had a friend who needed help with her Liberty Water bill. He found out that Liberty Water no longer has an office in Sierra Vista. He paid the bill using Liberty's automated phone payment system (844-367-203) using a credit card. For security reasons, Liberty does not allow their live agents to accept payment information over the phone. Besides the automated phone payment system, payments can also be made online through a third party, who probably charges a fee, and also in person at some Dollar General locations and perhaps even Walmart. Al found the payment system very easy to use. A receipt will be sent to the Vincentian's cell phone who can forward it to Blanca.
4. Catholic Community Services (CCS). On Thursday, Pauline will attend a lunch at Kino Hall for guests regarding consolidation of services.
5. Pauline mentioned that Jeff Bezos' (Amazon) parents made a \$186,000 donation to a SVdP organization and that Jeff Bezos and his wife made a \$5 million dollar donation to a SVdP in either Ohio or Georgia.
6. Grants:
 - a. Larry said that he submitted a grant application to HP Lopez in Phoenix. The grant is for \$50,000.
 - b. Tom submitted a grant application for \$2,500 to the Legacy foundation for new computers. Applicants will be notified on 6 February 2026 whether or not the application has been accepted. If accepted, the grant will need to be supported at a 24 February 2026 meeting.
7. Larry said that a LDS truck shipment will complement our May postal food drive.
8. Tom will get with Steve Conroy to talk about the phones in the conference/food bank and about using Allo as the service provider.
9. Collen reported that she contacted Clarion Hotel and will call them again on Wednesday. They

told her that they will be redoing 15 rooms that will need to be cleaned out. She also contacted Best Western but they have no furniture to donate.

10. Pauline will be meeting with the sponsor from the benefit in the park sometime this week.

11. Mary Ellen said there was a huge donation of food from the Sunday night service. She also said that her friend provided a donation that was used to purchase 4 tents. Also, a large donation of soap was received.

12. Judy provide a large donation of shampoo.

13. Pauline said that Francisca's mother-in-law, Yolanda Sanchez, passed away.

14. Pauline said that the sister of Melissa Martinez (who works at the store) who passed away was a volunteer at the food bank.

15. Norm said that Ruby has reduced pain, is eating more but will be going through more chemo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 5 January 2026

- A. Food Bank Report: 1,051 food boxes feeding 3,681 friends
- B. Thrift Store Report: \$42,738 in sales for December 2026
- C. Finance Report: Received \$86,000 in December 2026
- D. Poor Box Report: \$520.36

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

Home visits:

Special cases:

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: 22 January 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Thrift Store Meeting: 12 January 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 27 January 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

Vincentian Meeting: - 12 January 2026, Epiphany Party – Location TBD

Closing Prayer: Pat

Adjourned: 5:35 PM

Recorder: Pat