

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 2/2/26

Call to Order: Pauline

Time: 5:00 pm

Spiritual Enrichment: Fr. Greg

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (X) Read/Approved: Motion by: Ann Lund Seconded by: Gini

Attendance: Total Active Members (31) LOA (0) Present (19) Absent (12) Quorum (15)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Upcoming Events:

2/23/26: Dennis birthday

2/21/26: District 5 meeting all are invited. All of the Conferences in Cochise County will be in attendance. Mass starts at 9 AM. Let Pauline know if you want to attend.

3/7/26: St. David Art Fest: Please wear Vincentian T-shirts/shirts/vest

3/14-20/26: Cochise County Food Drive

More to come...Tucson Diocese/SVdP may have a large Food Drive with Albertsons/Safeway. They will place boxes at designated Safeways apx April. as well as Peaches Pantry/Legacy.

Old Business:

Ozanam Training had a wonderful gathering...Pauline, Tom, Larry and Ilona set up. Ann Faust came early too.

New Business:

Father Greg reminded us of the importance of attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion as a Vincentian. *“Our Rule says that by going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion, by begging The Bread of Life from The Lord who never refuses us, we will be gentle in not refusing those tthat come to us asking for bread. So it is our Vincentian understanding that Mass and our Vincentian service are intimately connected in terms of our spirituality of receiving and our spirituality of giving should never be disconnected.”*

SVdP is a Marion Society.

1. Pauline brought the new Rule book. It is small enough it can be taken with us.
2. Evangelization: Prayer intentions from our friends. Tom has been praying with Friends and has found that the demeanor instantly became calm. Prayer Intention cards are at Blanca's desk and can be added by our Friends, put into the envelope in Pauline's mailbox in the check room and will be brought to Monday meetings. Vincentians can take them home and pray for the week.
3. Toni shared information on Liberty Waters new online payment. No checks need be written as it is all done online via Blanca.
4. Sandee reported that a single donor purchased 72 backpacks. To help fill these, Sandee is using the 3 large donations of socks that was also just donated.
5. Sandee reminded that backpacks are only for our homeless once every 6 months. If a Friend needs an additional backpack within that 6 months a voucher can be given for the Thrift Store.
6. Citizen Police Academy with SVPD anyone 18 and over, clean record, can get an inside view of our local law enforcement operations over a 12 week period.
7. Once again Kathy Reibok with ALPHA CHI Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority are gathering sets of Peanut Butter and Jelly. Vincentians turning these in can be put in a drawing for a gift basket.
8. The parking lot CDBG grant is approved and paperwork signed and will begin soon. The grant is for \$17065.00 and SVdP portion is said to be \$2,600. They will be installing a new paved parking in at the Thrift Store. Accommodations for drainage from the downspouts and the donation area are expected to be made. An on site meeting with the vendor, BNR Paving, Pauline, store manager, will take place the week of February 15 to decide how they will handle parking, store entry and donations until construction is finished.
9. A museum in Tombstone closed and the Thrift Store purchased beautiful wood and glass counters for jewelry and the cashier area. Please stop in and see the new additions.
10. The Thrift Store now has jewelry mounts with the SVdP logo.
11. Pauline reported the Food Bank served 1,026 food boxes for January, serving 3,900 family members with 19k lbs of food.
12. Francisca's husband repaired the sink our Friends use at Conference.
13. Benson now has 1-bedroom tiny homes to rent if anyone is looking.
14. Please keep an eye on the schedule as we are needing people to fill in as many of our Vincentians are out sick. Today 30+ Friends showed up at 3:15 needing help including 20+ food boxes, for 62+ for the day.
15. Hilary read a touching letter from a 9 year old girl that generously donated \$120, of her own money, to the Poor Box on her own without telling her parents. Ask to see the letter, it is quite inspirational. Pauline will send her a thank you note telling her how much she is helping our Friends.

16. Finance Committee Chair, AKA Glenn, is stepping down. Pauline is seeking a replacement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE: February 2, 2026

A: Food Bank Report: (see #11 above)

B: Thrift Store Report: \$48,700.00

C: Finance Report:

D: The Poor Box Report: \$470.72

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

Margie missed the meeting as she was helping a Friend that she helped with a ticket home. She waited with her as Slicks was coming to pick her up for the ride to Benson.

Home visits:

For the Good of the Order: Pauline read from the new Rule book.

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress: Several of our Vincentians are out sick.

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting:
- Thrift Store Meeting: February 10, 2026
- Board Meeting: February 26, 2026
- Our next Vincentian meeting will be held in Kino Hall (no food, regular meeting)

Closing Prayer: Fr. Greg

Adjourned: 5:45 p.m.

Recorder: Toni