

# MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 30 March 2026

**Call to Order/Opening Prayer:** Pauline

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Spiritual Enrichment:**

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

Motion by: Ann      Seconded by: Larry

**Attendance: Total Active Members (32) LOA (0) Present (21) Absent (11) Quorum (16)**

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

\*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

Pauline presented Toni with the bench from SVdP in honor of her mother.

March Birthdays – 18 March – Francisca

April Birthdays – 2 April – Al; 29 April - Scotty

**Current Events:**

**Upcoming Events:**

- 2-4 April 2026 – Holy Week; see attached schedule
- 3 April 2026 – Conference, food bank and thrift store – CLOSED.

**Old Business:**

**NEW Business:**

1. Welcome back Judy!

2. Pauline gave an update on the St. David Arts Festival. SVdP received \$985 from St. David which was a percentage of the vendor fees; \$165 in cash; and, \$1,200 from a vendor who sold his wife's paintings. Mary Moran, the St. David organizer, and her husband, Steve, worked at the food bank for a long time.

3. SVdP received 23% of the food collected from the Cochise County food drive. St. David received 5%. All the food received by SVdP will be given to St. David for a total of 2,000 pounds. Mary Moran was given a space on the grounds of the Holy Trinity Monastery to use for food distribution.

4. We work on seeing the face of Jesus in our friends. You might notice an uptick in angry people and we can do our best keeping the temperature down but no one will accept rudeness and yelling. Call the police if a difficult situation occurs.

5. Catholic Community Services (CCS) and the tiny house project. At the recent Sierra Vista Council Meeting, CCS proposed developing a 100 tiny house community at the end of Busby Drive. The ASU design team is developing the community which will be presented to the AZ Governor and other government officials this Wednesday. This design will be used as a model throughout Arizona and the United States. The money for this development is from a federal grant and private grants. The following link is from the Sierra Vista Council Meeting outlining the proposal; to view the CCS proposal, fast forward to 2:03 in the link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/Od-eqQchTqU?si=o8hSk2yR86LFJen7>

6. Anthony Reed, United Way, requested \$37,000 from the CBDG from Sierra Vista City Council for rent, utilities, and food. He said that monies for rent and utilities would be handled through SVdP.

7. Pauline met the new GNA director, Keri Ferrell at the City Council Meeting. Keri said that GNA is open during the day but neither breakfast or lunch are served there. Homeless friends who don't have an address to receive their mail, can have it sent to GNA. GNA will hold it for 30 days. The rapid rehousing money will be gone by June.

8. Mary Skinner is taking a leave of absence. She has some family issues going on that she wants to focus on.

9. The thrift store is hiring a cleaning position. Anyone interested can apply at the store.

10. OCIA is planning a mini-ministry fair on Thursday, 14 May 2026 at 6:00 PM in Madonna Hall. This is a great opportunity to represent SVdP and make a pitch for prospective Vincentians. More information to come.

11. Glenn said that as of 28 March 2026, the thrift store has made \$46,000.

12. Thanks to Al and Tom for setting up the new computers in the conference.

13. SVdP needs toothpaste and laundry detergent (not from the Dollar stores).

14. Scotty found a grant today that is due today which he is working because he needed to provide the gender and chosen pronouns of SVdP members. Larry said that the Lopez grant is still being worked

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 6 April 2026**

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

**Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:** Ann Lund had two cases:

a. Friend Bill Gilmore came in for rent assistance. His wife died in January and Social Security reclaimed the money she was paid from both her check and his. He will be back on Wednesday for help.

b. Friend Yari Valesquez also needed help with rent. She started a new job and didn't have enough money to cover her rent. She will probably be back on Wednesday. Ann suggested that she ask her family for help.

**Home visits:**

**Special cases:**

**For the Good of the Order:**

**Spiritual Reading:** The Vincentian Formation Contemplation on What We Can and Should Do was read. Copy attached.

**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:
- Thrift Store Meeting:
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 31 March 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

**Vincentian Meeting:** - 6 April 2026, 5:00 PM, Madonna Hall

**Closing Prayer:** Pat

**Adjourned:** 5:40 PM

**Recorder:** Pat