

MINUTES FOR ST. ANDREW'S CONFERENCE MEETING

Date: 22 June 2026

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 (31) LOA (0) Present (22) Absent (9) Quorum (15)

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

*Stan and Father Greg - Not included in Quorum

June Birthdays – 10 June - Dottie

Welcome Michele Watt, our prospective Vincentian, gave a short biography of herself.

Father Greg passed out a moving quote by Pope Leo XIV (copy attached)

Current Events:

Upcoming Events:

- 3 July – Conference and food bank closed 3 July 2026 for 4 July 2026 holiday. Thrift store closing at 2:00 PM on Friday, 3 July 2026, and closed on 4 July 2026.

Old Business:

NEW Business:

1. There are only 16 months left on Pauline's presidency.

2. Salvation Army and funds availability. Ilona met with Susan at the Salvation Army to find out how they handle request for funds.

a. The Salvation Army does help with rent, utilities and hotel rooms. They maintain their own do not rent (DNR) list which is a nationwide list. Their vetting process is more intense than what we do and when helping with rent, they require a W9 from the landlord. Additionally, if the person cannot come up with the next month's rent, they will not provide any money. The assistance they provide is a one-time only assist.

b. The Salvation Army currently doesn't have any funds because they are going through an internal reorganization. However, when funds are available, they will assist with rent, utilities and/or a hotel room.

c. Other sources that will help with rent are Shiloh Church, 7th Day Adventist Church, and 1st Baptist Church. However, they like SVdP, need the friend to pay their portion before they will pay their portion. In some past cases, all three of the above churches and SVdP have paid a portion of a friend's rent. It is the friend's responsibility to seek out what help can be provided.

3. Add-On Funds. Add-On funds are funds that can supplement rent and/or utility requests when the designated funds are not enough to cover the friends' request. The Add-On funds are:

a. Fernandez Fund – Up to \$100 for families with children.

b. Bird Single Mom Fund – Up to \$100 for single mothers with children (no adult male in the household).

c. St. Andrew's Fund – Typically \$100; if additional funds are available, approval is determined by Kate. St. Andrew's fund is a one-time use.

d. If the rent assistance fund, utility assistance fund, or another designated fund (usually rent or utility) does not have money available, an eligible Add-On Fund may be used to help cover the emergency need if there is money. However, a Special Case will have to be done.

4. Special Cases.

a. A special case is required when the requested assistance exceeds the established financial guideline caps; \$250 plus 1 add-on for rent (\$350); or \$100 plus 1 add-on for utilities (\$200).

b. If a situation appears urgent or raises significant concerns and a special case is required, a home visit should be arranged. Determining whether a case is an emergency requires discernment and discussion with fellow Vincentians. Please discuss the case with the other Vincentians who are working that day.

c. When an email requesting a special case is sent to the special case committee, please make sure that as much information as possible is in the email so that an informed decision can be made. If someone on the committee says no to the request, the committee should discuss the case.

d. It is imperative that the responsible Vincentian responds promptly to questions by the special case committee either by email or phone.

e. If the Vincentian who submitted the special case is not comfortable doing a home visit, let Pauline know and someone else can do the visit.

5. Other funding issues:

a. If you have a case that wipes out an account's total funds for the month, please make sure that the case meets the criteria for the fund, discuss with other Vincentians, and submit a special case. By using all the funds in a specific fund, no other friends can be helped in that specific area.

b. Please remember to document everything in the friend's file. Also, remember to annotate the file logs in the back room with the pertinent information and to subtract the amount used so that the balance is current.

6. Frank, from the food bank, went to DES, to find out the requirements for food stamps. He was told that a person has to make less than \$1,696 to qualify for food stamps. He said that the application is about 40 pages to apply for the food stamps.

7. Pauline mentioned that the church bulletin looks great showing all the ministries under a specific heading.

8. It was decided that the prayers collected during the day at the conference should be taken home by the respective Vincentian on that day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due 14 July

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

Vincentian Reports on difficult or touching cases:

1. Judy had a lady come in who felt unsafe in her home. She is a Veteran and Primavera is helping find her a home. She was supposed to move to a house in Douglas on 1 June 2026 but can't move in until 1 July 2026 and she needed a place to stay until then. She has an 18-month-old son and needed a place to stay until 1 July 2026. Judy got her a hotel room at Vista hotel for \$417 for 9 days.

2. Judy had a woman who moved from Tucson because of domestic violence. She is currently in Forgach House but her time runs out on 14 July. She has a pending job but she needs work done on her car. Monty Motors has offered to help but the cost is approximately \$700. Judy did a special case. The lady should be checking with GNA on a daily basis for a room.

Home visits:

Special cases:

For the Good of the Order:

Spiritual Reading: Margaret

Conference Members Sick or in Distress: Mary Ellen thanked everyone for their prayers.

Prayers for others: Will be emailed separately.

Vincentian Schedule: Will be emailed separately; email or call Judy with information.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Food Bank Meeting:
- Finance Meeting: 25 June 2026, 10:00 AM, Zoom
- Thrift Store Meeting: 14 July 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall, Room 3
- Ad Hoc Meeting:
- Board Meeting: 27 July 2026, 10:00 AM, Madonna Hall

Vincentian Meeting: 13 July, 5:00 PM, Kino Hall

Closing Prayer: Father Greg

Adjourned: 6:00 PM

Recorder: Pat

CONFERENCE SUMMER SCHEDULE:

~~**MAY**~~ ~~**Monday - 4th**~~ ~~**Monday - 11th Kino**~~

~~**JUNE**~~ ~~**Monday - 8th Kino**~~ ~~**Monday - 22nd**~~

JULY **Monday - 13th Kino** **Monday - 27th**

AUGUST **Monday - 10th Kino** **Monday - 24th**

SEPTEMBER **Monday - 14th Kino** **Monday - 28th**

