Meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 7, 2016

Delaney Hall, St. Ann’s- minutes

Opening prayer-Deacon Jack Frebery

John Trainor called the meeting to order and asked for a change to the minutes, i.e.: Ron Forgnoni is going to head up our shopping team with Jim Kuezinski. (A big thank you to Lenore and her team for all the work they did shopping and organizing!) Other than the one change, the minutes were approved.

Trish Galv, Eileen, Linda, Rosemary, Jack and Ceil are working on the follow up procedures for our clients. Their committee has worked hard to come up with solutions for dealing with our clients efficiently. Their group thought it would be a good idea to meet as a team an hour or a half hour to discuss what happened during your week. How many home visits, phone calls received, what was unfinished etc. They recommended that the phone be passed among the team, so everyone on the team can have experience with the phone and how to direct the clients. The committee is compiling a resource book with more expanded information. This information will be updated with current numbers and resources. They also said that one of their members would be willing to go with someone who wanted to do a home visit. Their preliminary resource findings were approved.

Deacon Jack spoke for team 6. Team 6 had 4 contacts, one home visit, that they brought a bag of food to the home visit, (As an aside, Jack thought it was a good idea to bring a bag of food routinely to each home visit). A client asked for fuel from Delmarva power and $187.00 was paid to the utility company. Delmarva is willing to work out a payment plan and we need to alert clients to this plan. Jack had concerns about our recording system. Do we record in the binder or the folder or both of them? John said we should only record in the folder, not two times, one in the folder and one in the binder. We should only the folder from now on.

We are running low on funds in our SVdP, St. Ann’s bank account. We need to focus on fundraisers and allocate money for our winters, when we have our time of greatest need.

Treasurer’s report: beginning balance was 7,184.00. Total disbursements were 1,421.00. Ending balance was 6,254.00. The report was approved.

Ronnie Malone talked about a fundraiser at Armand’s Restaurant, from 11 am to 7:30 pm. The restaurant is opening Easter Monday, just for us! 10% of all the profits go to SVdP, St. Ann’s. Please come and patronize with your family and friends.

We would like to have items that we need for the food pantry placed in the bulletin. In May we might have a fund raiser at the Cottage Café. The secretary is looking into that prospect.

Closing prayers

The next scheduled meetings are April 4, 2016 at 9:30 am and April 25, 2016 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Boyd