Meeting of the ST. Vincent de Paul Society

March 28, 2016

Delaney Hall, St. Ann’s-minutes

Opening prayer-Deacon Jack Frebery

President’s report: Mike has returned! He opened the meeting. Mike suggested that we have a uniform speech about SVdP at all masses.

Minutes approved with a few typos of names changed.

Treasurer’s report: Deposits since last meeting- $879.00; Assistance checks-$1,615.10; Food purchases-$305.68; total checks-$1920.78; bank balance as of 3/28/16-$4,662.13.

Team reports: Team 2 served 11 clients, 22 bags of groceries, no home visits and allocated $400.00 ; team 3 served 5 clients, gave 10 bags of groceries, no home visits and allocated $286.00, ; team 4 served 6 clients, 12 bags of groceries, one home visit and allocated $429.00.

Mike stressed again the priority we as SVdP members have to do home visits. Sometimes it is difficult to reach our clients by phone and sometimes we try several times to see them and they aren’t home. Still a home visit or a visit at a neutral place like McDonald’s is a good thing to try and accomplish. It is what we are called to do. This is our practice. Tish again volunteered herself or her team members to go with anyone reluctant for any reason to do a home visit.

We need to try and stay within the parish boundaries and refer clients to other resources and other SVdP societies in their areas. This is not a hard and fast rule but we should try to stay within our parish boundaries if possible. Our funds are being depleted and we need to be more discerning.

Mary Ellen asked for volunteers who would like to help in our little garden at OLG. Fresh produce from the garden will be available for our clients at the food pantry. If you can come on Thursdays at 8:30 am for a couple of hours, that would be wonderful. Come on any Thursday and work the garden. Your help would be much appreciated!

Pastor’s report: Fr. Klevence wanted to say “Thank you” to all the SVdP volunteers for serving. Father is both thankful and grateful for our Christian service. We are all better Christians when we serve others. Deacon Jack also thanked the officers and volunteers of the group for their service.

Ronnie Malone said that the fundraiser at Armand’s was a success! Armand’s said they would open every Easter Monday for SVDP, from now on! Thanks for arranging this, Ronnie.

The next meeting is April 11, 2016 at 9:30 am in Delaney Hall and April 25, 2016 at 7 pm, also at Delaney Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Boyd, secretary