Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Ann’s Bethany Beach Conference

January 9, 2017

Vince Bertone opened the meeting at 9:35 am with a prayer and a Vincentian reflection. Vince read the email from Mike Farrar and an email from Frank Waller; both emails are attached to the minutes. Mike Galu conducted the meeting.

Minutes: Were approved from the last meeting, with one correction. Sue Clarke sends thank you notes for donations.

Treasurer: Our current balance is $32,000: We spent $7,000 during this period. We have also received a bequest from a parishioner and we will have our president, Mike Farrar is reviewing and he will report on this at a later date.

Wreath project: Brought in $1,925. 96 wreaths were made and the ones that weren’t sold went to the Pyle Center. Sue Clarke, who headed up the project, wanted to thank everyone in the conference that helped make it such a success! Next year there is a proposed Christmas market at St. Ann’s that will sell cookies, wreaths and other items.

 Giving Tree: The Giving Tree helped a total of 58 families which included 150 children. Food cards and merchandise cards were provided for all the people who applied.

Team Reports: Team reports are not available at this time. Mary Ellen Gonski will print out the information when she returns.

Spirituality: Mary Ann Conlon is still trying to arrange a speaker for our conference. She will report next meeting.

Follow-up team: Jackie Boyd was the only member present and she reported on the 13 people that she called. It was a positive experience and everyone was touched that someone cared enough to call back and see how they are doing. Everyone Jackie talked to was doing well. One woman needed a knee scooter for her husband—if you know someone who could donate one, let her know.

Fundraising: Lenore Thommes is looking into selling Easter Candy for a fundraising effort.

Garden: Mike Galu reported that the garden is covered and awaiting spring activity. The garden will continue to need volunteers for spring, summer and fall.

Vice President Vince Bertone asked about a vote to move our meetings to 9:15 am instead of 9:30 am. The group that was present decided to save a vote until the next meeting. Consider the matter and we will vote then. Vince also asked if we could email the information and the check no. to the people authorized to write the checks. He thought that would be more accurate and also have a copy to verify the amount and number.

Tish asked that donations made in honor of Mike’s daughter Michelle be acknowledged with a thank you note. Also Mike should know of these donations.

Website and bulletins: Dan DiLuzio has done an outstanding job on both! Dan said we can even post videos, like the one of the wreath making project.

Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Next monthly meeting is Monday, February 13 at 9:30 am in Delaney Hall.

Jackie Boyd

Substitute Secretary