Saint Ann Conference, Saint Vincent de Paul

Meeting Minutes

Date October 8, 2018

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| Next meeting: |  |   |
| Regular |  | Tuesday, November 13 at 9:30 AM in Delaney Hall |
| Formation |  | Tuesday, October 23 at 3:30 PM in Delaney Hall |

1. **Call to Order; Opening Prayer**

President Mike Farrar convened the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Deacon Jack Freebery presided over the opening prayer.

1. **President’s Remarks**
	1. In order to minimize some of the current conflict with our using Delaney hall (e.g., Blood Bank) and to avoid Monday morning syndrome, we will be meeting on Tuesdays in the future; in general, 9:30 AM in Delaney on the 2nd Tuesday, and 3:30 PM on the 4th Tuesday. Currently, meetings have been scheduled on 10/23 (PM), 11/13 (AM), 11/27 (PM), and 12/11 (AM); all in Delaney.
	2. In August, Mike received a request from the Wilmington Council for nominations for member recognition within our Conference. Tish Galu was nominated by Mike and was subsequently chosen to receive the Frederic Ozanam Award medal. It was presented to Tish by Fr. Klevence at our meeting.
	3. The diocesan council also recognized the work of Mary Ann Conlon in the area of spiritual formation within our conference. She was asked to participate as a trainer in the diocesan effort to encourage spiritual formation, although the project is currently on hold.
	4. According to the bylaws of the national council, the term of a conference President is limited to three years. To remain in compliance with this, Mike Farrar had previously announced his intention to step down as our President. A nominating committee was appointed, and, after contacting potential candidates, found one person who was willing to stand for the office – Tish Galu, one of the current Vice Presidents. Her nomination was moved and seconded, and her appointment to the office of Conference President was approved by the members in attendance by a unanimous vote.
2. **Welcome to Newcomers**

One newcomer was present and has been given an introductory packet.

1. **Approval of Minutes and Membership Update**
	1. The members present approved the minutes of the September meeting by a voice vote.
	2. We are still looking for a volunteer to work as a recording secretary (see below). The position mainly entails producing minutes and agendas for the meetings and takes about 4-5 hours per month. If anyone is interested, please contact Tish Galu or Dan DiLuzio.
		1. **Recording Secretary responsibilities (approx. 4-5 hours per month)**
* Take, publish, and distribute meeting minutes
* Obtain and distribute agenda and team reports
* Send out general notifications, including meeting reminders
* Write and submit bulletin announcements
1. **Treasurer’s Report and succession planning**
	1. The Treasurer’s report was attached to the agenda.
2. **Financial Team Report**
	1. No new fund raisers are planned until after the first of the year.
	2. A reminder that the VIC dance will be held on October 12; one-half of the proceeds go to our Conference.
3. **Spiritual Formation**
	1. Deacon Jack Freebery did an introduction to Module 4 Section 4.6 of the *Serving in Hope* program (“Solidarity and Creation”). Coincidentally, the Gospel for today’s meeting date was that of the Good Samaritan. Deacon Jack referred to the daily meditation in the *Word Among Us* periodical, which was pertinent to our mission, to “put a face on a member of a despised group.” Jack read a prayer associated with Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity, to remind us of how to approach our mission; it’s attached to the minutes of this meeting.
4. **Food Pantry, Neighbor Contact and Long-Term Follow-up Teams**
	1. Reports attached to agenda
	2. Food pantry report attached to these minutes
	3. Eileen Quigley recently took a call from a gentleman named Tom C. Tom is a disabled vet who is out of work due to health issues. Tom was in dire need of food, and, when the food was delivered, we learned that he had had a foreclosure on his home of 26 years and was living in his brother’s place. Part of the arrangement between them was that Tom would need to pay rent and assist with maintenance of the house, including installing kitchen cabinets. Bill Riffel, Mike Galu, and John Gossart volunteered to assist him. Pictures from the project will be posted on our web page when available.
5. **Reports of Other Teams**
	1. Darlene Gray presented the model under which the new extended care team will operate. The Extended Care team itself will act as a steering committee which will channel neighbors in need to one or more subcommittees. Members were asked to consider signing up for the subcommittees (see attached form)
	2. Mike Galu is developing a list of requirements / suggested resources for the garden team.
	3. Deacon Dennis has notified us that he has furniture that he would like to contribute.
6. **Upcoming Special Vincentian Events**
	1. None at this time.
7. **Suggestions for and Discussion of Expanded Vincentian Activities**
8. **Information About non-Vincentian Charitable Programs**
	1. The Rise Against Hunger project needs several more participants.
	2. Mary Ann Conlon is seeking volunteers to assist with the next September 29 St. Vincent de Paul celebration, which will be held at St. Jude’s.
	3. There is a sign-up sheet for Giving Tree volunteers in the back; see Eileen Quigley.
	4. If anyone would like to volunteer for the ride assistance program, please see Mike Farrar.
	5. Reminder that the Crop Walk is being held on October 14 at the Bethany Beach bandstand.
	6. The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Polish dinner on 11/3. They’ve had a great deal of success with recent efforts, including the sold-out lobster dinner and the Tootsie Roll drive. The latter raised $5400 for the intellectually disabled.
9. **Next Meeting Dates**

See above.

1. **Closing Prayer; Adjournment**
	1. The meeting closed with a prayer at 10:38 AM.

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| **Sep-18** |
| **SVdP Food Pantry Summary Report** |
| **St. Ann’s Conference** |
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| **Report Summary from 08/02 (Team 2) through 08/30 (Team 2)** |  |
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| **TEAM**  | **DATE** | **# OF BAGS GIVEN** | **# OF FAMILIES HELPED** | **# OF FAMILY MEMBERS** | **FOOD EXPENSES** |  |
| Team 3 | 9/6/2018 | 28 | 18 | 36 | $403.19  |  |
| Team 4 | 9/13/2018 | 4 | 0 | 0 | $0  |  |
| Team 1 | 9/20/2018 | 23 | 12 | 53 | $561.92  |  |
| Team 2 | 9/27/2018 | 20 | 10 | 56 | $425.62  |  |
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| **TOTALS** |  | **75** | **40** | **145** | **$1,390.73**  |  |
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| This report is a monthly summary report for the SVdP Food Pantry  |  |
| for the month of September 2018.  |  |  |  |  |
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| We received the donations from St. Ann in September. We had  |  |
| ~$201.52.00 in food pantry donations. We had 108 volunteer hours and  |  |
| 687 miles driven in support of Food Pantry activities.  |  |  |
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**Prayer of St. Teresa of Calcutta**

P**eople are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.  Forgive them anyway.**

I**f you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.  Be kind anyway.**

I**f you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.** **Succeed anyway.**

I**f you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.  Be honest and sincere anyway.**

W**hat you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.  Create anyway.**

I**f you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.  Be happy anyway.**

T**he good you do today, will often be forgotten.  Do good anyway.**

G**ive the best you have, and it will never be enough.  Give your best anyway.**

I**n the final analysis, it is between you and God.  It was never between you and them anyway.**

**Extended Care**

**Information Questionnaire**

I am interested in participating in the Extended Care Program.

My area of interest is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Committees of Expertise

Food and Clothing

Housing

Home Improvement

Education and/or Vocational Training

Child Care

Labor and Employment

Medical and Health Care

Social Services

Transportation

Mentoring and Counseling

Financial and Budget