Saint Ann Conference, Saint Vincent de Paul

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 9:30 a.m. in Delaney Hall

I. Call to Order; Opening Prayer

President Tish Galu convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. A new prayer card was distributed. She announced we are now using Module 6 for spiritual formation.

Deacon Jack Freebery presided over the opening prayer.

II. Welcome New Members

No newcomers were present

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes and Membership Update

Members approved the Minutes of the February 2019 meeting by a voice vote.

IV. Treasurer’s Report

Helen Simmons reported amounts of $36,484.00 in checking,$5,255.00 in income and $6,816.00 in expenses with a balance of $34.923.00

The current report will be out soon.

Helen noted that paying phone bills for our neighbors requires a PIN number which the Neighbor Contact Team needs to get from the neighbor.

V. Team Meetings

Team members sat together and discussed concern.

VI. Food Pantry, Neighbor Contact and Extended Care Teams Report

-Food Pantry

The food Pantry will be open from 4:30-6 p.m. on April 11, the 2nd Thursday of the month; on other Thursdays it will be open from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

The Food Pantry’s new card and the business cards will now be in Spanish as well as English.

-Neighbor Contact Report

Tish mentioned the addition of a new booklet in the Resource fie with Pyle- provided addresses of sources. She added that the Air Conditioning program will follow the Winterization program guidelines.

Neighbors may now call the Pyle Center to be referred to their area conferences.

-Extended Care Team

Darlene Gray remarked upon the need to encourage more neighbor participation in discussing extended care needs. She reminded members that contact teams may refer neighbors for Extended Care with the form provided.

VII. Garden Team Report

Mike Galu reported that spring crops are in and up with an expected harvest in a few weeks. The privacy fence has arrived and installation is a work in progress.

VIII. President’s Remarks

We have a new computer and are now inputting our forms.

Tish read a prayer to share with the group.

IX. Expanded Vincentian Activities

Area conferences are meeting at St. Ann’s on May 4 in Delaney Hell. Sign in at 9, program at 10. Let Tish know if you want to help with refreshments. Lunch is catered.

Tish and committee have been visiting three schools in the area to provide Resource Guides and a list of food pantries in the neighborhood.

The Re-Commitment Ceremony for SVdP will be at St Ann’s at the 10:30 Mass on April 28.

The sign-up sheet is available to help with the school supplies project which will begin in August.

Vincentians will transport furniture bought at the August bazaar again this year.

Remember ill Vincentians in your prayers.

Joe Lane reminded members that candy ordered could be picked up today.

Dine and Donate at Armand’s (Sea Colony Marketplace) on Monday, April 22 from 11:30 onward.

X. Non-Vincentian activities

The Southern Delaware Education Foundation is holding a scholarship fundraiser ($35.) at the VFW location in Ocean View on April 11 from 6-9

Love Inc./Homeless Coalition-needs a receptionist.

The Homeless Coalition will provide a shelter for men next winter and needs volunteers.

XI. Spiritual Formation

Deacon Freebery read a passage from the book Our Faith about what being holy is and isn’t.

XII. Other Business/Member Questions

It was suggested the conference provide gasoline cards for needy neighbors.

Next Meeting Dates

Sunday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. Mass, Members recommitment ceremony,

SVdP Information table in the hall, Men’s Club Breakfast.

Sat. May 4 “School of Charity” conferences meet here.

Tuesday, May 14, 9:30 a.m., Delaney Hall

Thursday May 30, 10:45 a.m. OLG

XIII. Closing Prayer; Adjournment

Deacon Freebery gave the closing prayer using the new prayer card passed out to members.

Tish dismissed the meeting 10:40.