Saint Ann Conference, Saint Vincent de Paul

Meeting Minutes

Date October 8, 2019

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| Next meeting: |  |   |
| Regular |  | Tuesday, November 12 at 9:30 AM in Delaney Hall |
| Formation |  | Thursday, October 22 at 3:30 PM in Delaney Hall |

## Call to Order; Opening Prayer

President Tish Galu opened the meeting at 9:30 AM at the South Coastal Library community meeting room and welcomed all. Deacon Jack Freebery led the members in the opening prayer.

## Approval of Minutes and Membership Update

The members present approved the minutes of the August meeting by a voice vote.

## Treasurer’s Report

* + 1. Checking account balance 9/1/2019 $34,201

Revenues $ 2,854

Expenses $ 6,496

 Balance 9/31/2019 $30,559

## Leadership Team Meeting

A brief report on the 9/24 Leadership meeting was given.

1. Status of NC and Pantry team reports: Excel sheet is provided to report on numbers from each team that must be reported and tracked. There may be some who cannot use the sheets provided; Dan DiLuzio will develop a workaround.
2. Emphasis on NC and Pantry teams working together more closely. For example, NC leads will ask FP teams members about going on home visits.
3. Giving Tree Project begins November 8/9 after masses, plus signups at Food Pantry and Pyle (see below for additional information).
4. NC teams are reminded of the importance of providing the Salt & Light Committee the information that was requested for the neighbors we visit. The forms are on the clip board, but we are working to put the form on the computer.
5. Food Pantry hours are changing to 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. year around; second Thursday will change to 3:30 – 5:00 in November and will remain those hours year around.
6. Food Pantry storage is being augmented with a conditioned storage area in Beach Storage on Rte 17.
7. ySecond Sunday after Easter (April 26) is Renewal Sunday, when our Recommitment ceremony will be held.

## Extended Care

#### We have been delivering food to Cathy for the last 9 months, as a part of our support. We will need a volunteer to assist with that delivery this coming Thursday (10/10).

##  Food Pantry, NCT Reports

1. We encountered a woman at the food pantry who was being evicted and needed rent. She is in the process of seeking asylum (court hearing today 10/8). We drove her to Pyle, but due to her status, she is unable to receive government assistance. We stopped by the landlord’s house to discuss her situation; as it turns out, they were parishioners. Both we and the Ministerium are contributing to her rent, and if she is granted asylum, Pyle will support her as well.
2. Another neighbor is employed full time at Food Lion at a salary of $11/hour. She is currently expecting and when she leaves work to have the baby, she will receive only 60% of her regular salary. We are trying hard to help her out with baby things, as well as clothes for her other two children, both boys, ages 6 and 8. She’s been signed up for the Giving Tree.

## President’s Remarks

1. The Wilmington Council requested nominations for the annual Ozanam award. Mike Galu was nominated by Mike Farrar and Carol Curran and won the award, which was presented at the meeting.
2. Rosa Gale, one of our Food Pantry translators/intake persons, is moving out of the area. Her closing is in November, but she expects to be in the area until December. We will definitely need a back fill for her in January, particularly since Patricia, who shared the responsibility with Rosa, will be out in February.
3. The Giving Tree planning is proceeding. We already have 14 families signed up. Volunteers will be needed at the masses beginning on 11/9.
4. Tish would like to meet with two representatives from each team to review the Resource Guide, prior to its being revised and loaded to the laptop.
5. Each school district has a liaison for the homeless. Recently, a presentation by the representative from Henlopen prompted Mary Ann Conlon to contact the Indian River liaison at IRHS to obtain information. During the last 3-4 years, he (Walter Smith) has distributed 15,000 pillows, blankets, and so forth to homeless minors in the IR school district. Additionally, students have been assisted in special circumstances; for instance, they have helped students attend the prom with gowns, beauty parlor appointments, etc. This leads us to a general question: How can we better support those minors in our area who are effectively homeless?

## Expanded Vincentian/Other Activities

1. Reminder that the Southern Delaware Education Foundation (SDEF) is hosting a Halloween movie Spooktacular at the Clayton Theater on October 29, starting with a 6:00 PM silent auction.
2. The Stone House men’s shelter in Bethany Beach (a Code Purple shelter) will be open from 12/1 to 3/15. Approximately 14 occupants will be housed and served dinner each night. Two male volunteers are needed to act as monitors each night (8:30 PM to 7:45 AM); male or female volunteers are needed in the evening from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM to perform intake. Additional volunteers are needed to clean up, do laundry, and to prepare and deliver meals (2-3 people Monday night).
3. The annual Project Hunger venture at St. Ann will be held in Delaney Hall on October 27. Rise Against Hunger hosts meal packaging events like this one; during the afternoon, about 15,000 meals will be prepared. Sixty volunteers are needed; we currently have thirty-four. See Joe Lane if you are interested in joining the team.

## Spiritual Formation

## The attendees watched a video and had a short discussion centered on Section 6.5 in *Serving in Hope,* “Our Parish,” dealing with relations with the Pastor and the Parish as a whole.

## Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, December 10 at 9:30 AM in Delaney Hall

Tuesday, January 14 at 9:30 AM in Delaney Hall

Tuesday, January 28 at 3:30 PM in Delaney Hall

## Closing Prayer

Deacon Jack led the closing prayer.