Saint Ann Conference, Saint Vincent de Paul

Meeting Minutes

Date November 12, 2019

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| Next meeting: |  |  |
| Regular |  | Tuesday, December 10 at 9:30 AM in Delaney Hall |
| Formation |  | None scheduled for December |

## Call to Order; Opening Prayer

President Tish Galu opened the meeting at 9:34 AM in Delaney Hall. Mary Ann Conlon led the members in the opening prayer.

## Visitors and New Members

Seven new members were welcomed to the Conference.

## Approval of Minutes and Membership Update

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

## Treasurer’s Report

* + 1. Checking account balance 10/1/2019 $30,558

Revenues $ 4,728

Expenses $ 7,861

Balance 10/31/2019 $27,425

## Extended Care Team Report

Darlene Gray gave a brief description of Extended Care, and a status on our current neighbors being served under the Extended Care team.

1. Cathy recently totaled her car, courtesy of a local deer, and hurt her knee in the bargain. She is caring for two disabled nieces at this point.
2. Ruth Ann and Claire are having their needs assessed. Marty Malarkey recently stepped in to assist with yard work and landscaping. The most pressing problem right now is their lack of heat; a HVAC deal was in process but fell through.
3. A neighbor Tony is being helped as well, although not officially under the Extended Care umbrella. He is extremely difficult to work with; he’s apparently alienated both family and friends. He had been living in a house for 18 months after its owner died, and now has 30 days to vacate. He’s found a place to live – the landlady is a neighbor of ours whom we have helped in the past.
4. We received a call from Bethel Tabernacle inquiring about a particular person who was a food pantry receiver. The name was not divulged, but as it turns out, Bethel Tabernacle will not help someone who uses the services of another food pantry. This is being checked with the Ministerium.

## Food Pantry and Neighbor Contact reports

1. We recently received a thank you from the father of neighbor Nicole, who has multiple disabilities and whom we had helped with her mortgage.
2. Alyss Macken gave a testimonial, on the subject of her first home visit. Alyss is normally food pantry, but agree to accompany a neighbor contact team member on a home visit, and encouraged others to consider the same.
3. Eileen has been sitting with Rosa and Patricia at the food pantry. Although she is not a Spanish-speaker, she was able to assist with the check-ins.

## Garden and Furniture Teams

1. Providentially we were able to provide someone who is starting a boarding house with a houseful of furniture that another person had donated.
2. The garden is officially finished for the season and will be put to bed on Thursday the 12th.

## President’s Remarks

1. Business cards are available for members making home visits. One side is printed in English; the other, in Spanish. There are larger format cards available for the food pantry that have the hours of operation printed on them.
2. Turkeys for the pantry are being donated next week by Holly Kia.
3. The Giving Tree will be able to help 216 kids in 80 different families this year. There are very few cards left. Food cards from Food Lion or WalMart (preferred or from Giant or other food stores are welcome donations. There are also cash/check donation envelopes at each of the tables after mass. The last day is December 8.
4. The Resource Guide has been sent out on Google Docs for comments and editing. One copy will be kept at the pantry, for use there as well.
5. The Stone House Shelter will be staffed overnight by St. Ann from 12/1 to 12/6. Training will be held on November 19. Volunteers – men or women – are also needed for intake, for two hours in the evening. If you wish to volunteer, you can do so on the web site at <https://codepurplesussexcounty.com/see-the-need-calendar-visual-updates/>

## Expanded Vincentian/Other Activities

1. Southern Delaware Education Foundation (SDEF) is hosting a Dine & Donate at Bethany Blues on November 19. The movie night in Dagsboro was a great success, raising $3,500 for the SDEF scholarship fund. Currently, the organization has 19 scholarships in play.

## Spiritual Formation

## Section 6.6, “Lay Character of the Society” was reviewed. Members were reminded of our call to holiness, which we seek through our Vincentian vocation.

## Other Business

Special thank yu to those who have extended themselves, especially those who are volunteering to offer transportation assistance.

Although there is no formal visitation mechanism yet, members are reminded that those who are shut in and isolated are often in need of company as much as they are physical or monetary support.

## 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



