Saint Ann Conference, Saint Vincent de Paul

Meeting Minutes

Date October 13, 2020

<https://stannbb.org/volunteer-2/social-concerns/st-vincent-depaul/>

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| Next meeting: |  |  |
| Regular |  | Tuesday, November 10 at 9:30 AM (Zoom) |
| Leaders |  | Thursday, October 27 at 3:30 PM (Zoom) |

1. **Opening Prayer**
   1. President Tish Galu opened the (virtual) meeting with a prayer at 9:30AM. Meeting was held on the Zoom platform.
2. **Welcome / Reminders**
   1. The annual CROP Walk will be held on October 18 at OLG church, beginning at 3:30 PM. There will be a short prayer in the church before the walk begins. The walk itself will be around the parking lot and around the SVdP garden (only need to do one circuit!). There will be a sign in table for donations and for the sale of masks. We’ll need help with parking, sign-in, and direction of the walkers. Email Tish if you can help or just show up at 3 p.m.
3. **Treasurer’s Report**  (from file)
4. **Monthly:**

Beginning Balance Checking Account 9/1/20 $54,486

Revenues 10,136

Expenses 11,585

Balance 9/30/20 $ 53,037

The September minutes indicated that the entire school supplies expense was included in the August monthly budget; in actuality, the amount was spread across August and September.

1. **4th Quarter:**

July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020

Beginning Balance Checking Account 7/1/20 $44,308

Revenues 43,457

Expenses 34,728

Ending Balance Checking Account 9/30/20 $53,037

***Revenues by Category***

Members $654

In Memorium 375

Poor Box 1,037

Envelopes 26,576

Special Works 7,460

Church Groups

Fundraising 155

Twinning 7,200

Other

**Total Revenues $43,457**

***Neighbor’s Expenses by Category***

Rent $ 2,286

Electric $ 716

Fuel $ 0

Food (including Garden) $21,209

Medical $ 0

Twinning $ 1,550

Other $ 8,526

(School supplies $4,945, Mortgage $1,820, storage & supplies FP 565, water $550)

**Total Neighbor’s Expenses $34,287**

1. We will be enabling on-line giving through the Wilmington Council’s system. There is no charge for the use of their service. Tish will send out the complete directions (Note: Directions are at <https://stannbb.org/volunteer-2/social-concerns/st-vincent-depaul/st-vincent-de-paul-donations/>) and can be accessed from both the SVdP page and the Online Giving page. It’s extremely important that all contributions be noted as “St. Ann **Bethany Beach**,” to reduce confusion with St. Ann Parish in Wilmington.
2. Our admin fund is particularly low at this time, with our annual dues coming due, as well as our regular running expenses. We’ve received a grant for $50K through St. Jude; this is specifically earmarked for the rent/foreclosure needs of our neighbors.
3. Courts are not yet fully in session and do not meet as often as before the pandemic hit. Partly for this reason, evictions have not yet peaked as we expect them to do at some point in the future. In addition, courts have been instructed to work out repayment plans with tenants. Utilities are also negotiating payment plans more frequently.
4. According to Catholic Charities, landlord requests are backlogged for months; this may be why we have not seen more evictions/foreclosures. Both Catholic Charities and Pyle have managed to build up a pool of some funds, which will help when they hit.
5. **Fund Raising Team Update**

Mike McGowan and his sister have put out letters to all of the businesses that have contributed to the VIC Dance fundraiser in the past, updating them on the current situation with the dance and thanking them for their past support. There was no solicitation in the letter.

1. **Food Pantry, NCT** 
   1. Food Pantry numbers are NOT going down, as the pandemic continues. October has 5 weeks and, typically we get fewer neighbors on that 5th week. However, in October, we are hosting the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, which will provide fresh prodeuce, dairy, and meat to families. This is in addition to our own pantry, and families are not held to the once-a-month rule, nor do they have to sign up. We expect to need additional help o that day; the Food Box program is open until 11:30. More information at <https://stannbb.org/news-events/16774/>.
   2. The pantry shelves at OLG are beginning to show wear, and may need to be replaced soon. Since the shelves are necessary for us to store and distribute food that directly benefits our neighbors, the money can be drawn from our regular account, rather than our administrative budget.
2. **Extended Care Team Report**

Not much new or notable activity. We are still staying in touch and continue to offer support and assistance to those in the extended care group.

1. **Furniture Project Team Report**

FYI, we have an electric flat top stove that was donated and is being stored right now. Please be on the lookout for a home that could use it.

1. **School Supplies – update**

128 children received supplies that we provided, through their schools. Extra supplies were delivered to the schools as well.

1. **President’s Remarks** 
   1. Neighbor Jake, who has brain cancer and was the object of our twinning request, has had two operations, along with attendant chemotherapy and radiation. We are using the twinning funds to keep up his monthly mortgage payments; please keep he and his family in your prayers. (Please note that the September minutes erroneously reported that the twinning *surplus* was being used to pay the mortgage costs. The *entire* twinning amount is being used for that purpose).
   2. Please also keep in your prayers two of our Vincentian families. Betsy Collins husband Brandt is also a cancer victim and recently fell and broke his shoulder. Mary Ann Gonski’s husband Tony has recently had open heart surgery.
   3. We will run our Giving Tree this year, but will need to adapt our operation to the requirements of the pandemic. We will be asking our parishioners for gift cards for the children and food cards for their families. We are going over the list from Lst year to begin building the list for this year. We’ll be restricted to one person staffing our tables, in order to observe proper social distancing. Wendy Schilling will work on Christmas cards to hold the gift cards; contact her if you have extras you’d like to donate.
2. **Questions?**
3. **Upcoming Meetings**

We’ll be Zooming for the foreseeable future, at least until the end of the year. Our next meeting is November 10 at 9:30 a.m. Zoom details will be made available as we get closer to the date of the meeting.

1. **Closing Prayer**