St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Ann, Bethany Beach Conference 

Meeting Minutes

Date January 9, 2024

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| Next meeting: |  | Tuesday, January 23 at 3:30PM in Delaney Hall |
|  |  | Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30PAM in Delaney Hall |

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

Carol opened the meeting at 9:30AM; Mary Ann Conlon led the opening prayer.

1. **Welcome**

Four new members were welcomed to the conference. Carol requested that each attendee introduce him/herself in turn.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the December 12 meeting were approved by a voice vote.

1. **Treasurer Report**

Beginning Balance Checking Account 12/1/23 38,973.

Revenues 35,776.

Expenses 28,046.

Ending Balance Checking Account 9/30/23 46,703.

MMA $21,849  
CD $25,174

A motion was made and approved to move $25K from the Checking to the CD account

1. **Updates**
   1. Ministerium
      1. Next meeting is scheduled for February 7
   2. Pastoral Council

Numerous issues discussed, including

* + 1. Recent flood/burst pipe in the Masterson Center
    2. Jesse Tree pageant – will be held in the Church next year
    3. Tentative plans for a bus to the Chrism Mass during Holy Week
    4. The Hospitality Committee will be offering parish apparel through the web site
    5. St. Ann Bethany had the highest response rate on the Deanery survey
    6. The second OLG car exit has been approved
    7. Bathroom renovations at St. Ann have been approved
  1. Garden Teram
     1. There will be a Garden Reorganization Meeting on Friday, January 26, at 9:15 am in the Masterson Center.
  2. Food Pantry Team
     1. Tom Hill gave a thank-you and recognized the different subgroups that contribute to different aspects of the Food Pantry operation, including pick-up, home delivery, gleaning, and the Selbyville SMS outreach.
     2. Food Lion has contributed significantly - 800 boxes of snack items for our local school outreach effort.
     3. Tom asked for any suggestions on whether/how we would scale food bagw, depending upon family sizes. Joanne does this to some extent now, bit are there any other alternatives we can explore?
     4. Dan requested that we recalculate the average value per grocery bag, for more accurate reporting.
  3. Neighbor Contact
     1. No report at this time
  4. Visiting Vincentians
     1. While Peg is recovering, there is a need for a new co-lead to assist Nancy.
  5. Extended Care
     1. Regarding neighbor Kathy Wilkerson’s afternoon after-care issues with her daughters, Kathy has retired from her job and is looking for another job situation that will not cause an issue
  6. Spirituality
     1. No report at this time
  7. Fundraising
     1. Super Bowl party and raffle drawing is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2024 - 5pm to 8pm in Delaney Hall. Volunteers are needed for the event, as well as staffing the sign-up tables after mass.
     2. Future: Bethany Blues is open to a Dine ‘n Donate event during the current off season

1. **President’s Remarks**
2. Building project
   * 1. Planning meeting scheduled for January 16 with Georgia Bresch and a diocesan representative who can assist with capital fund raising.
3. Giving Tree
   * 1. A Giving Tree project evaluation meeting will be held immediately following this meeting
     2. This past Christmas the project provided holiday care for 243 households, including 538 adults and 407 children.
4. Coordinating activities
   * 1. Carol is setting up a meeting to discuss coordination of events among other parish organizations
5. Breaking Bread
   * 1. Our next – hopefully underwater Breaking Bread gathering with our neighbors is scheduled for June 7 at 5:00 PM
6. Leadership planning

Carol stressed the danger of having our conference knowledge and expertise being held too shallowly, of too much experience concentrated in too few individuals. This has been underlined by our recent experience with key members being unable to continue their responsibilities through one unfortunate circumstance or another. There have been several moves to address this, at least partially:

* + 1. Eileen Ousterout will take on overall coordination of all NCT’s
    2. Chris Haynes has stepped forward as NCT Team 2 co-lead
    3. Tom Hill is working with the members of the Pantry Team to disseminate operational knowledge and to distribute shared responsibility for the team among 3 co-leads
    4. We’ll need to address that same issue with our recurring projects, such as the Souper Bowl party and raffle, Giving Tree, School backpack project and so forth

1. **Spirituality**

The meditation/discussion for today’s meeting used the Gospel for the Epiphany as a starting point. Specific points for discussion were based on examining the mission of our conference and any epiphanies we may have experienced in the course of carrying out our vocation.

1. **Upcoming Events**

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| Jan. 8 | Team 2, Food Pantry 1/11 @ 3:00 PM  Regular Meeting 1/9 @ 9:30 AM  DH  **Giving Tree Evaluation Meeting at 11:00 AM** |
| Jan. 15 | Team 3, Food Pantry 1/18  **Jan. 16 Building Group Meeting, Masterson at 1:00 PM** |
| Jan. 22 | Team 4, Food Pantry  Regular Meeting 1/23 @ 3:30 PM DH  **Team Leader Meeting at 2:00 PM in DH** |
| Jan. 29 | Team 1, Food Pantry 2/1 |
| Feb. 5 | Team 2, Food Pantry 2/8 @ 3:00 PM  **Souper Bowl Party 2/9 5:00PM to 8:00PM** |
| Feb. 12 | Team 3, Food Pantry 2/15  Regular Meeting 2/13 @ 9:30 AM DH |
| Feb. 19 | Team 4, Food Pantry 2/22 |
| Feb. 26 | Team 1, Food Pantry 2/29  Regular Meeting 2/27 @ 3:30 PM DH |
| Mar. 4 | Team 2, Food Pantry 3/7 |
| Mar. 11 | Team 3, Food Pantry 3/14 @ 3:00 PM  Regular Meeting 3/12 @ 9:30 AM in DH |
| Mar. 18 | Team 4, Food Pantry 3/21 |
| Mar. 25 | Team 1, Food Pantry 3/28,  Regular meeting 3/26 @ 3:30 PM in DH |
| Mar. 31 | Team 2, Food Pantry April 4 @ 8:00 AM |
| Apr. 1 | Team 3, Food Pantry 4/4 @ 8:00 AM |
| Apr. 8 | Team 4, Food Pantry 4/11 @ 3:00 PM  Regular Meeting 4/9 @ 9:30 AM in DH |
| Apr. 15 | Team 1, Food Pantry 4/18 @ 8:00 AM  Ozanam Orientation 4/16 Delaney Hall 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| Apr. 22 | Team 2, Food Pantry 4/25 @ 8:00 AM  Regular Meeting 4/23 @ 3:30 PM in DH |
| Apr. 29 | Team 3, Food Pantry 5/2 @ 8:00 AM |

1. **Closing Prayer; Adjournment**