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

Meeting Minutes

*Date* April 9, 2024

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| *Next meeting:* |   | Tuesday, April 23 at 3:30 PM in Delaney Hall |
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**I.**      **Call to Order; Opening Prayer**

Carol  opened the meeting at 9:30AM and led the opening prayer.

Carol asked that we remember those of our fellow Vincentians and family members who are ill or are recovering from illness, including Betsy Collins, Joe Stiller, Susan Lewis, Peg Campion, Heather Gossart.

**II.**    **Welcome**

Two new members were welcomed to the conference today.

**III.**   **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the February 13 meeting were approved by a voice vote.

**IV.**  **Ministerium Update**

a.     Tish reported that the Ministerium is holding a Yard Sale/Bazaar at Mariner’s Bethel on April 13. Proceeds will benefit the emergency fund.

**V.**    **Other Parish Groups**

a.     Men’s club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the end of April.

**VI.**  **Financial Report**

a.     The monthly report is attached.

b.     Deb is looking for a new co-treasurer, in Peggy Campion’s absence. Helen Simmons has volunteered to assist for the time being; Marty Malarkey will continue to advise.

c.     We are set up a separate Finance Council to help manage those affairs.

**VII.**         **Team Reports**

a.     Garden Teram

                                               i.         The growing season has started; volunteers are reminded that the team will be meeting each Monday and Wednesday at 8 AM.

                                              ii.         The garden will not be expanded this year; however, the mix of plantings will be tweaked to better meet our neighbor’s needs.

                                             iii.         We have had a couple of volunteers join the Garden Team from our neighbors.

b.     Food Pantry Team

                                               i.         Tom Hill has made a decision to step down as the Food Pantry Coordinator and Vice President; he will continue to do the gleaning and be our contact with the Middle School; Carol thanked Tom for all he has done to help organize our Food Pantry processes

c.     Neighbor Contact

d.     Visiting Vincentians

e.     Extended Care

f.      Fundraising

                                               i.         We will be meeting re the Dine ‘n Donate is scheduled for the Cottage Cafe on May 15 .

**VIII.**        **President’s Remarks**

a.     Breaking Bread Fiesta forms distributed and will be going out at the Food Pantry next week; there are also forms in the phone bag to be distributed when going on home visits

b.     New Building has a delay because the property drawings are too old and need to be updated but work continues towards a new building on OLG property

c.     School Supplies – Nancy Guido updated the group on some changes that will be happening as we collect supplies and how we will assemble them; one change is no children because of small space and there will be shifts as we assemble

d.     Carol Curran has had some conversations with some longer term members of SVDP and feels we have lost some of our emphasis on Spirituality and have focused more on Service; several newer members commented that they thought our Friendship, one of our three characteristics was really wonderful.    Carol is going to meet with a few members to determine what direction we should go from here but there will be some changes coming.

**IX.**  **Spirituality**

a.     Presented a video which gave an overview of Frederic Ozanam’s social ministry as it related to the development of Pope Leo XIII encyclical ***Rerum Novarum,*** which set the foundations of the Catholic Church’s social doctrines.

**X.**    **Upcoming Events**

Apr. 22 – Team 1

Apr. 23 – Regular Meeting @ 3:30 PM Delaney Hall

Apr. 25 – Food Pantry

Apr. 29 – Team 2

May 2 – Food Pantry and Beebe Medical Van

May 6 – Team 3

May 9 – Food Pantry @3:00 PM

May 13 – Team 4

May 14 – Regular Meeting @ 9:30 AM DH

May 15 – Cottage Café Dine and Donate for SVDP

May 30 – Food Pantry

May 20 – Team 1

May 23 – Food Pantry and Beebe Medical Van

May 27 – Team 2 (Note no meeting 5/28 due to  Memorial Day Holiday)

May 30 – Food Pantry

June 3 – Team 2

June 6 – Food Pantry

June 7 – Breaking Bread Fiesta 5-8 PM OLG

June 9 – Breaking Bread Fiesta Rain Date 5-8 PM

June 10 – Team 3

June 11 – Regular Meeting @ 9:30 AM in DH

June 13 – Food Pantry @ 3:00 PM

June 17 – Team 4

June 20 – Food Pantry

June 24 – Team 1

June 25 – Regular Meeting @ 3:30 PM with SVDP Members picnic

June 27 – Food Pantry

June 29/30 – Begin distribution of School Supplies List at all masses

**XI.**  **Closing Prayer; Adjournment**