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

Meeting Minutes

Date Tuesday April 23, 2024

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| Next meeting: |  | Tuesday, May 14 at 9:30AM in Delaney Hall |
|  |  | \*\*No meeting on May 28 due to the holiday weekend\*\* |

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

Carol opened the meeting at 3:30PM; and led the opening prayer.

1. **Welcome**

Four new members were welcomed to the conference today.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the April 9 meeting were approved by a voice vote.

1. **Ministerium Update**
2. Virginia reported that the Ministerium collected $500 from the Yard Sale/Bazaar at Mariner’s Bethel on April 13. St. Ann Knights of Columbus were very helpful. Unsold items will be sent to the St. Ann Bazaar as donations.
3. Sr. Loretta Primus will be celebrating her 50th anniversary as a religious soon; more details will follow.
4. The proceeds from the 2023 CROP Walk more than doubled those of 2022; Virginia would like to see even better numbers AND attendance from out Council for the 2024 Walk scheduled for October 6.
5. Zoar United Methodist Church has once again offered us the use of their hall for our backpack project; see below for additional information about this project.
6. **Pastoral Council Update**
7. No Pastoral Council meeting this month.
8. **Other Parish Groups**
   1. Men’s club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on April 28.
   2. We are asking for members to support John Smart’s housing project in El Salvador by contributing checks in the amount of $100 each.
   3. Once again, parishioners are receiving fake emails from either Fr. Klevence or Sr. Loretta asking for money. Neither will ever solicit a contribution in that fashion.
9. **Team Reports**
   1. Garden Teram
      1. Garden plots have been planted, and new gates and fencing has been installed to prevent dangerous predators (aka, the Roxanna Rabbits Club) from entering.
      2. FYI, if youi wish to volunteer, the normal work hours are from 8:00AM to 10:00AM on Mondays and Wednesdays..
   2. Food Pantry Team
      1. We’re switching our purchases from Dollar Tree to Dollar General on Atlantic Avenue in Millville, to take advantage of better prices.
      2. Steve and Chris Team will beginHaynes will be replacing Steve and Pat Altier as leads for Pantry Team 3.
      3. Martin Morotz will be looking at the processes and procedures we have in place for the pantry, to assess and make suggestions for improvement. Martin has had extensive experience in the military in the areas of logistics and supply management.
   3. Neighbor Contact
      1. Issue arose regarding standardizing NCT reporting; currently different teams are intra-team reporting in different fashions. This makes it very difficult when training new members.
      2. Team members are encouraged to look at the folders that Eileen Ousterout has produced and supplied to the members of team 2.
   4. Visiting Vincentians
      1. Team will begin reporting visits using an online similar to what the Pantry and NCT teams use.
      2. We are working with South Coastal Village to assist neighbors with transportation where necessary, at a rate well below what they usually charge for membership.
   5. Extended Care
      1. A new referral for a neighbor is being processed.
   6. Fundraising
      1. The Dine ‘n Donate for the Cottage Cafe will be on May 15. We are putting together raffle baskets and will be putting up banners and signs to advertise.
      2. Plans for a pickleball tournament are underway. It will be held on August 24 at Clayton Elementary, where we have reserved 8 courts. There will be both beginner and experienced sessions, and we will hold associated raffles and silent auctions as well. All conference/council members will be required to
   7. Breaking Bread Fiesta
      1. Signup sheet for food donations will go out shortly.
10. **President’s Remarks**
11. Tish mentioned that the NCT from another conference had invited Stand By Me to a gathering that neighbors attended. Stand By Me provides one-on-one coaching with trained professionals. Every session is private and completely free, and we have referred our own neighbors to them in the past.
12. All members will be required to have a background check; this is at the direction of National. Details will follow.
13. The SVdP Mid-Atlantic meeting will be held on July 12-13 in Marysville, MD.
14. On September 29 the Wilmington Council will be hosting an annual meeting and Mass at St. Edmonds in Rehoboth. All 31 Conferences are invited to attend.
15. **Upcoming Events**

Apr. 22 – Team 1

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

Apr. 25 – Food Pantry

Apr. 27 - Ozanam Orientation @ 9 AM in Delany Hall (Call/Email/Text Carol Curran if attending)

Apr. 29 – Team 2

May 2 – Food Pantry plus Beebe Mobile Unit

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 16 – Food Pantry

May 20 – Team 1

May 23 – Food Pantry plus Beebe Mobile Unit

May 27 – Team 2 (Note No Meeting Tuesday, May 28 due to Memorial Day)

May 30 – Food Pantry

June 3 – Team 3

June 6 – Food Pantry

June 7 – Breaking Bread Fiesta 5-8 PM

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

June 10 – Team 4

June 11 – Regular Meeting @ 9:30 AM in Delaney Hall

June 13 – Food Pantry @ 3:00 PM

June 17 – Team 1

June 20 – Food Pantry

June 24 – Team 2

June 25 – Regular Meeting @ 3:30 PM in Delaney Hall

June 27 – Food Pantry

June 29/30 – Begin School Supplies List Distribution at all Masses

1. **Closing Prayer; Adjournment**