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

Meeting Minutes

Date Tuesday June 11, 2024

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| Next meeting: |  | Tuesday, August 27 at 3:30PM in Delaney Hall |
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1. **Call to Order; Opening Prayer**

MaryAnn opened the meeting at 9:30AM with a prayer. Carol reiterated our 3-fold mission: Friendship, Service, Spirituality.

1. **Welcome**
	1. Carol welcomed two new members.
	2. All attending members had an opportunity to introduce themselves, name and roles, to the other attendees.
2. **Spirituality**
	1. Mary Alice lead the members in a reflection on one member’s account of his/her experience and growth as a SVdP member. Groups shared their own experiences with periods of challenge and growth in their ministry.
3. **Minutes**
	1. The minutes were approved by a voice vote, with several changes to the description of the upcoming August pickle ball event; Maureen Golmic reviewed the event later during the meeting.
	2. Dan indicated that he is developing a share area for the entire parish, including SVdP, to contribute photographs for the web site and parish Facebook page. Instructions are attached.
4. **Ministerium Update**
5. The Prayer for Peace in the Middle East service was held on June 2 at Mariners Bethel, but was not well attended..
6. The Ministerium will celebrate Sr. Loretta Primus’s 50th anniversary as a religious at their June 20 end of year meeting.
7. **Pastoral Council Update**
8. Gloria Webster has been appointed as the new head sacristan.
9. Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 22.
10. The Contemporary Music Ensemble is looking for new members.
11. A picnic for the international students working in the area over the summer will be hosted by St Martha's Episcopal Church in Bethany on June 25.
12. Parish projects:

We have gone out for estimates for the recarpeting project.

OLG roof restoration is complete

Replacement of lights inside OLG is pending service company availability.

Looking for a building project manager for the proposed OLG parish center

1. We have a critical need for Spanish-speaking priest(s) in the Parish: The priest who ordinarily hears confessions is moving, and Fr. Manuel will be on vacation and unable to celebrate Sunday afternoon mass.
2. We are in the process of developing a line of parish apparel (hats, shirts, etc) that will be available for online order in the near future.
3. **SVDP Team updates**
	1. **Garden**
		1. Our first summer crop is in and is outstanding.
	2. **Furniture Team**
		1. Mike Galu is looking for volunteers to deliver furniture sold at the Bazaar.
	3. **Pantry Teams**
		1. No updates
	4. **Neighbor Contact**
		1. Neighbors should be provided with only two gift cards, when needed. Team leads can authorize additional, if warranted.
		2. Check the watchlist when receiving a call. The list contains not only those who are questionable contacts, but also those who have special circumstances; for example, they may be handled by the Extended Care team, or may have requested to be contacted by a specific Vincentian.
		3. Donna Ciarmella-Smith is moving to team 2 as co-lead
	5. **Visiting Vincentians**
		1. No update.
	6. **Extended Care**
		1. No update.
	7. **Fund Raising**
		1. We received a $1,400 check from the Cottage Café for the latest dine and donate there. Total proceeds, including raffle items, etc. was over $2,000.
		2. Maureen Golmic has set a target of $3,000 for the Pickleball fundraiser. There will be games with prizes, a 50/50 drawing, raffles of 8 different items. Volunteers are needed to sell 50/50 tickets at the event, raffle tickets, and to staff the sign-in table. Pop-up tents are still needed, as are gift cared donations for the raffle, and water/ice donations for the attendees.
4. **President’s Remarks**
	1. New Building
		1. Carol showed attendees the floor plan and drawings of the proposed center at OLG; “more space than we asked for”
		2. Some modifications and refinements of the plans are still in the works
		3. Fr. Klevence would like to begin fund raising in the fall, with a target completion date by the end of 2025. We’ll see.
	2. SVdP National Council will be releasing a new opening prayer in August
	3. On July 12-13, the Mid-Atlantic (Eastern) Regional Meeting will be held at the Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD; contact Carol if interested in attending the Saturday session. The meeting will be focused on our vision for the future.
	4. School Supplies
		1. We’ll be getting information on kids at the pantry
		2. On August 8 we’ll need help transporting from Zoar to OLG.
	5. Breaking Bread Fiesta -Evaluation June 13 @2:00 PM at OLG
	6. June 25th Meeting at 3:30 PM will be the last until the end of the bazaar. We’ll have a pot luck celebration at the end of the meeting, as we did last year.
5. **Upcoming Events**

 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 with end of year 2Picnic

June 27 – Food Pantry

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

July 1 – Team 3

July 4 – Food Pantry

July 6 and 7 - School Supplies List and Collection

July 8 – Team 4

July 8 – School Supplies Sorting at Zoar

July 11- Food Pantry @ 3:00 PM

July 13 and 14 - School Supplies List and Collection

July 15 – Team 1

July 15 - School Supplies Sorting at Zoar

July 18 – Food Pantry

July 20 and 21 - School Supplies List and Collection

July 22 – Team 2

July 22 - School Supplies Sorting at Zoar

July 25 – Food Pantry

July 27 and 28 - School Supplies List and Collection

July 29 – Team 3

July 29 - School Supplies Sorting at Zoar

Aug. 1 – Food Pantry

Aug. 3 and 4 – Laet week School Supplies List and Collection

Aug. 5 – Team 4

Aug. 5 – Assemble all backpacks at Zoar

Aug. 8 – Food Pantry

Aug. 8 - Begin Backpack distribution at FP; transfer all School Supplies to Masrerson

Aug. 12 – Team 1

Aug. 15 – Food Pantry @ 3:00 PM

Aug. 15 - Backpack distribution at FP

Aug. 19 – Team 2

Aug. 22 – Food  Pantry

Aug. 22 - Backpack distribution at FP

Aug. 26 – Team 3

Aug. 27 – Pampered Chef fundraiser

1. **Closing Prayer; Adjournment**

Maryann Conlon closed the meeting with a prayer.

***Send photos for posting on St. Ann Website***

Below is a short set of instructions for submitting photos for use on the parish website. There are other ways that this can be done, but this will preserve the size and quality of the original photos. Other methods of sending pictures (for example, texting or email) can often impose limits that can degrade the photos being sent.

We retain the right as to whether or not we will use any photo or photos submitted.

If an image of a person is being used, please be considerate of that person’s privacy. Since our website is used for non-commercial purposes, a release form is not legally required. If someone is out in a public area, such as a park, street, or church, then you are within your rights to photograph them. This is actually protected under the first amendment.

However, “legal” and “caring” are not the same. Be sensitive when submitting anything that might be awkward or embarrassing to that person. We can, if necessary, blur or obscure a person’s face in a photo; just let us know.

**Instructions**

1. You’ll need permission to load files into a shared area. Contact us using the message icon, the  symbol in the “**Find us**” area at the bottom of each page on the website. Fill out the short form and submit it; we’ll send you a confirmation containing a link to the **ParishPhoto** drop box. The link will expire in 15 days.
2. Gather the photos you would like to share with others on the web site. It’s better if all of the photos are gathered into a single directory, to keep them from potentially becoming jumbled together with someone else’s material.
3. Write up a ***short*** description of the event, incident, or purpose of the photos. A single sentence is ok. Include that in your picture folder. You might consider including the description in the photo(s) title; for example, “May 15 First Communion”
4. Using an Internet browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari, Firefox, etc), navigate to the link we emailed to you, which is in the shared area called “**ParishPhotos**”:
5. Drag and drop your folder/files into the **ParishPhotos** area, and you’re done!