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

Meeting Minutes

Date Tuesday August 27, 2024

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| Next meeting: |  | Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30AM in Delaney HallTuesday, September 24 at 3:30PM in Delaney Hall |
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1. **Call to Order; Opening Prayer**

MaryAnn led the opening prayer at 3:35PM with a prayer.

1. **Welcome**
	1. Carol welcomed four new members.
2. **Spirituality**
	1. Dan DiLuzio led a reflection on personal change while acting as SVdP members, centered around two questions: Why did I join? Why do I remain?
3. **Minutes**
	1. There were no minutes from the last meeting before the bazaar, which combined our regular meeting with an end-of-year picnic gathering.
4. **Ministerium Update**
5. Reminder to members to set aside October 6 to attend the annual CROP walk.
6. **Pastoral Council Update**
7. No meetings were held since our last meeting in late June.
8. **SVDP Team updates**
	1. **Garden**
		1. Steve said that we met our goal of providing at least one or two items of fresh produce for each pantry visitor through the entire growing season.
		2. Our own produce has been augmented by both gleaning and contributions; for example, recently we were able to offer watermelons and Bennett peaches.
	2. **Pantry Teams**
		1. Although the project is not SVdP affiliated, members were informed that Tom Hill has been involving local residential communities/developments in providing healthy snacks for schools to provide to students who would not otherwise have them.
		2. We are meeting with local schools to familiarize them with our pantry operation.
	3. **Neighbor Contact**
		1. Important reminder that all home visits should be performed in pairs.
	4. **Visiting Vincentians**
		1. No update.
	5. **Extended Care**
		1. No update.
	6. **Fund Raising**
		1. Maureen Golmic reviewed the Pickleball fundraiser. There were 43 players who attended. Between the $25 registration fee, donations, 50/50 tickets, water sales and so forth, we had a net profit of over $3,000.
		2. Pampered Chef party will be held immediately following this meeting.
		3. Dine ‘n Donate opportunities are being pursued for the fall.
9. **President’s Remarks**
	1. New Building
		1. Carol showed attendees the floor plan and drawings of the proposed center at OLG, with some modifications and refinements of the plans that were made since June. It includes a facility that will meet the needs of our pantry, as well as a 300 person banquet hall and commercial kitchen.
		2. The parish needs to provide 40% of the estimated $2M cost before construction begins. The Diocese will help us with managing a capital fund raising campaign.
		3. Fr. Klevence would like to target December 2025 as the completion date. Miken Builders has been laying some groundwork prior to breaking ground to hopefully allow them to meet this target.
	2. Carol led a presentation of our Breaking Bread neighbor gatherings at the at the Mid-Atlantic Regional meeting in July in in Marriottsville, MD. Attendees were very engaged and enthused by our experiences.
	3. Carol briefly reviewed the ServWare software platform that we are actively pursuing. It was developed by SVdP members, and will allow us to plan, track, and report on our Conference activities. It should greatly streamline our day-to-day operations, allowing secure reporting from our personal devices, and will eliminate the need for passing a dedicated laptop between NCT members.
	4. St. Ann Church will be closed during the month of October for painting and recarpeting. All services will be held at OLG, which poses a conflict on Thursday mornings between the pantry and daily mass. More to follow.
	5. FYI, SVdP National has been working with author Dr. Donna Beegle to produce a series on poverty. Donna was born into a migrant-labor family and has 28 years of first-hand experience of living in poverty. (See PBS video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak5wbIAMqWQ>)
10. **Closing Prayer; Adjournment**

Maryann Conlon closed the meeting with a prayer.

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| 8/22 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 8/24 | Pickleball Fund Raiser @ 2:00 PM at Clayton Elementary  |
| 8/27 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in DH  |
| 8/27 | Tuesday @ 5:00 PM Pampered Chef Fundraiser for SVDP at DH  |
| 8/29 | Thursday, Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 9/5 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 9/10 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM in DH  |
| 9/12 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM  |
| 9/19 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 9/24 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in DH  |
| 9/26 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 9/29 | Annual Council Mass and Dinner - 2:00 PM at St. Edmunds  |
| 10/3 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 10/8 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM in DH  |
| 10/10 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM  |
| 10/17 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 10/22 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in DH  |
| 10/24 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 10/26 and 27 | Begin Giving Tree Distribution of Gift Cards at all Masses  |
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| 11/7 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 11/9-10  | Giving Tree Distribution of Gift Cards at all Masses  |
| 11/12 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM in DH  |
| 11/14 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM  |
| 11/16 and 17 | Giving Tree Distribution of Gift Cards at all Masses  |
| 11/19 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in DH  |
| 11/21 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 11/28 | Thanksgiving and No Food Pantry  |
| 11/30 and 12/1 | Giving Tree Distribution of Gift Cards at all Masses  |
| 12/1 | Assemble all Giving Tree envelopes  |
| 12/5 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM and begin Giving Tree Envelope distribution  |
| 12/10 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM followed by Christmas Luncheon in DH  |
| 12/12 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM and Giving Tree Envelope distribution  |
| 12/19 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM and begin Giving Tree Envelope distribution  |
| 12/21 and 22 | Begin Souper Bowl Grid Contributions  |
| 12/26 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 12/28 and 29 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions  |
| Jan 2 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 01/4 and 5 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions  |
| 01/9 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM  |
| 01/11 and 12 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions  |
| 01/14 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  |
| 01/16 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| Jan 18 and 19 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions  |
| 01/23 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 01/25 and 26 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions |
| 01/28 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in DH  |
| 01/30 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 2/1 and 2 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions  |
| 2/6 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 2/8 | Souper Bowl Party in DH  |
| 2/11 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  |
| 2/13 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM  |
| 2/20 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 2/25 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in DH  |
| 2/27 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 3/6 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
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| 3/25 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM – 5: PM |
| 3/27 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 4/3 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 4/8 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  |
| 4/10 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM  |
| 4/17 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 4/21 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 4/26 and 27 | Annual Regional Meeting at Marriottsville  |
| 5/1 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 5/8 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM  |
| 5/13 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  |
| 5/15 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 5/22 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 5/29 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 6/5 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 6/8 | Sunday Breaking Bread Fiesta at OLG  |
| 6/10 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  |
| 6/12 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM  |
| 6/19 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM  |
| 6/21 and 22 | Begin School Supplies Flyer distribution and collection  |
| 6/24 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM and End of Year Picnic  |
| 6/28 and 29 | School Supplies Flyer distribution and collection  |
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