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

Meeting Minutes

Date Tuesday, September 10, 2024

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| Next meeting: |  | Tuesday, September 24 at 3:30PM in Delaney Hall  Tuesday, October 8 at 9:30AM in Delaney Hall |
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1. **Call to Order; Opening Prayer**

Carol opened the meeting at 9:30AM with a prayer.

1. **Welcome**
   1. Three new members were welcomed.
2. **Vision 2025**
   1. At the National Assembly, the SVdP USA leadership initiated a program called Vision SVdP. It is intended to prepare conferences for the future. Carol showed a video clip of Archbishop Andrew Bellisario’s address to the Assembly, to introduce VisionSVdP.
   2. Members broke down randomly into 4 separate groups for a 20 minute listening session, to address the various challenges and stressors the Society is facing; e.g., long recovery from COVID pandemic, an aging of the Society members, lack of diversity and so forth. Notes from each session will be forwarded up the line.
   3. This listening/speaking effort will continue for the better part of the year as ideas are generated and fed back to the local level.
3. **Minutes**
   1. Minutes approved by a voice vote.
4. **Treasurer’s Report**

**Beginning Balance 8/1/2024 $24,255**Revenues $41,302 (includes $15K grant; see VIII.d)  
Expenses $24,198

**Ending Balance 8/31/2024 $41,359**

1. **Ministerium Update**
2. Reminder to members to set aside October 6 from 3PM to 5PM to attend the annual CROP walk at OLG.Reminder: 25% of the proceeds will stay to help fund local food pantries.
3. Flyers will be translated into Spanish.
4. **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, although the prime growing season is now winding down.
      2. Tom Hill is still actively gleaning. Watermelons are being obtained this afternoon (9/10), and fall apples will also be brought to the pantry, and also given as part of the health snacks effort at local schools.
   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. Two NCT teams are down to 6 people to provide 7 days of phone coverage.
      2. Pat Morin will be moving on; Liz Salonick will step in as temporary team co-lead.
   4. **Visiting Vincentians**
      1. No update.
   5. **Extended Care**
      1. No update.
   6. **Fund Raising**
      1. Two Dine ‘n Donate opportunities are being investigated for the fall.
      2. The Pampered Chef party on 9/10 resulted in $5,202 in sales; half will be donated to the Conference.
5. **President’s Remarks**
   1. Membership is a growing concern (e.g., V.c.i above).
      1. Carol will make this a topic at the upcoming team lead meetings.
      2. Carol will be speaking at the Sunday masses, but not until later in October; need for new members will be her central topic. Snacks and drinks (Saturday masses) and donuts (Sunday mass) will be provided.
      3. There was a suggestion that current members “find a friend” to invite to become a member.
      4. Question: Can the Thanksgiving Garden Team meal be expanded to the entire conference memberhip?
   2. A thank-you to all member who helped in any way with the backpack project. The effort allowed us to provide backpacks and school materials toi 252 students, with additional materials going to local schools.
   3. We participated in Back-to-School night at several schools. Possibly as a result of the exposure there, we had 20 new families sign up at the Pantry the following Thursday.
   4. We applied for and received a $15,000 grant. As a condition of the grant funds were to be used for the benefit of immigrant populations. Two projects:
      1. Sponsor an ESL class
      2. New shoes for winter
      3. Reminder of the Pancake Breakfast, from 8-12 on September 14.
6. **Closing Prayer; Adjournment**

Carol closed the meeting with a prayer.

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| 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 |
| 3/11 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM |
| 3/13 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM |
| 3/20 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 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 |
| 7/3 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 7/5 and 6 | School Supplies Flyer distribution and collection |
| 7/10 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM |
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