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

Meeting Minutes

Date Tuesday, November 12

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| Next meeting: |  | Tuesday, December 10 at 9:30AM in Delaney Hall  Tuesday, January 14 at 9:30AM in Delaney Hall |
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1. **Call to Order; Opening Prayer**

Mary Ann Conlon opened the meeting at 9:30AM with a prayer. Carol asked that we remember Peter Preston in our prayers. Peter suffered a serious fall requiring hip surgery at Thomas Jefferson. After returning home, he dislocated the same hip and is currently at Jefferson waiting further surgery

1. **Welcome**
   1. Eleven new members were welcomed.
2. **Spirituality**
   1. Mary Ann hosted a reflection on Vincentian service and our call to a ministry, following Jesus’ preferential option for the poor. We were asked to reflect on
      * How God has been present in our ministry
      * What resolutions this will call forth
      * What has been stirred up in us
3. **Minutes**
   1. Minutes from 10/22 meeting were approved.
4. **Financial Report**

**Beginning Balance 10/01/24 24,374.**

**Revenues 23,045.**

**Expenses 18,905.**

**Ending Balance 10/31/24 28,514.**

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| **MMA Account** | **Balance as of 10/31/24** |  | **6,219.** |
| **CD Account #1** | **Balance as of 11/01/24** |  | **26,150.** |
| **CD Account #2** | **Balance as of 11/01/24** |  | **18,390.** |
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* 1. To match last year’s Giving Tree will require an expenditure of about $54K.

1. **Ministerium Update**
   1. The CROP Hunger Walk collected a total of over $13,000. Prize drawing is on 11/13.
   2. The annual “Meet Me at the Manger” gathering will be at 2:00PM on 12/7. Details in bulletin and on web site.
2. **Pastoral Council Update**
   1. The proceeds from this summer’s Bazaar are funding the work on painting, recarpeting, and the Adoration Chapel. An additional $45K has been donated for the Chapel.
   2. Religious Ed currently has 112 children enrolled. RelEd will host a Christmas pageant on 12/15 at 9:00 in the church. Children are currently working on service projects.
   3. The Council will be posting meeting minutes on the web site in the near future.
   4. OLG second entrance project is live again; work will begin shortly.
   5. Delaney kitchen renovation will happen in the month of January.
   6. The St. Ann’s Apparel website is now up and running. Information is being published in the Bulletin and will also be posted on the parish website.
3. **SVDP Team updates**
   1. **Garden**
      1. There will be one more harvest day before the garden is shut down for the winter.
      2. To date the Garden has provided produce to over 5,800 neighbors, with the garden volunteers contributed almost 5,000 hours of work. Pantry donations amounted to over $60K
   2. **Pantry Teams**
      1. To date the Pantry and Garden have provided food to neighbors on about 5,800 occasions, with the team members contributing almost 5,000 hours of work. Pantry in kind donations amounted to over $60K.
   3. **Neighbor Contact**
      1. ServWare classes continue as needed; next one is this afternoon.
   4. **Visiting Vincentians**
      1. Currently visiting 12 neighbors in Brandywine at Fenwick, plus one in our local community.
   5. **Fund Raising**
      1. Dine and Donate at the OV Brewery on 11/4 raised over $2,422; over $900 ras raised from basket raffles.
      2. Souper Bowl party is scheduled for February 8
      3. Working on a Cottage Café Dine and Donate for next year.
4. **President’s Remarks**
   1. Building
      1. Waiting for the final cost quote from Miken; expect it in the next two weeks.
   2. A Coastal Point reporter attended the 11/9 Vinnies in the Vineyard meeting and will be writing an article on housing. Another article on our Conference is pending and will focus on recruitment, stressing non-Catholic involvement.
   3. ESL classes are being advertised, will begin registration on January 7 and start on January 14 at OLG. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:00. We will need help with setting up chairs.
   4. Thank-you to all who made our Thanksgiving dinner a success; 66 people attended.
   5. Since it is so close to the Thanksgiving dinner, we will not have a separate Christmas party following our December meeting.
   6. We had about 20 individuals express an interest in joining our conference as a result of Carol’s address at the weekend masses. Orientation meetings will be held on 11/18 at 9:30 and 6:00 in the Masterson Center.
5. **Closing Prayer; Adjournment**

**Upcoming Dates:**

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| **November 2024** | |
| 11/13 | Ozanam Orientation |
| 11/14 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM |
| 11/16 and 17 | Giving Tree Distribution of Gift Cards at all Masses |
| 11/18 | Team 3 |
| 11/19 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in DH |
| 11/21 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 11/25 | Team 4 |
| 11/28 | Thanksgiving and No Food Pantry |
| 11/30 and 12/1 | Giving Tree Collection of All Gift Cards at all Masses |
| **December 2025** | |
| 12/1 | Assemble all Giving Tree envelopes in Masterson at 12:30 PM |
| 12/2 | Team 1 |
| 12/5 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM and begin Giving Tree Envelope distribution |
| 12/9 | Team 2 |
| 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 |
| 12/16 | Team 3 |
| 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 at All Masses |
| 12/23 | Team 4 |
| 12/26 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 12/28 and 29 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions at all Masses |
| 12/30 | Team 1 |
| **January 2025** | |
| 1/2 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 1/4 and 5 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions at all Masses |
| 1/9 | Thursday Food Pantry 3: - 5:00 PM |
| 1/11 and 12 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions at all Masses |
| 1/14 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM – 11:00AM |
| 1/16 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 1/18 and 19 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions at all Masses |
| 1/23 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 1/25 and 26 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions at all Masses |
| 1/28 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM in DH |
| 1/30 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| **February 2025** | |
| 2/1 and 2 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions at all Masses |
| 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 |
| **March 2025** | |
| 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: - 5:00 PM |
| 3/20 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 3/25 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM |
| 3/27 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| **April 2025** | |
| 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: - 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 |
| **May 2025** | |
| 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 |
| **June 2025** | |
| 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 |
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| **July 2025** | |
| 7/3 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
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| 7/10 | Thursday Food Pantry 3:30 - 5:00 PM |
| 7/12 and 13 | School Supplies Flyer distribution and collection |
| 7/17 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 7/19 and 20 | School Supplies Flyer distribution and collection |
| 7/24 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
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| **October 2024** |  |
| 10/21 | Team 3 |
| 10/22 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 3:30 PM |
| 10/24 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 10/26 and 27 | Begin Giving Tree Distribution of Gift Cards at all Masses  Carol Curran speaks at all Masses on SVdP Recruitment |
| 10/28 | Team 4 |
| **November 2024** |  |
| 11/2 and 3 | Giving Tree Distribution of Gift Cards at all Masses |
| 11/4 | Team 1 |
| 11/7 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| 11/9 | Vinnie’s in the Vineyard, Saturday 9AM to 11AN St. Edmund’s |
| 11/9-10 | Giving Tree Distribution of Gift Cards at all Masses |
| 11/11 | Team 2 |
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| Jan. 14 | Tuesday SVDP Meeting at 9:30 AM |
| Jan. 16 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
| Jan 18 and 19 | Souper Bowl Grid Contributions |
| Jan. 23 | Thursday Food Pantry 8:30 - 10:00 AM |
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