

# St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

## St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: 1/20/2018 11AM

### Attendees:

Marie Michel		Kathy Boh	x		
Barb Luken	x	Rich Kelly	x		
Casey Scullin		Sue Crosby	x		
Chuck Menke	x	Stephanie Heidemann	x		
David Crosby	x	Linda Gwaltney	x		
Gail Kelly	x				
Jim Kuhn	x				
Karen Cable	x				

### CALL TO ORDER..... Welcome Back /Family Updates

Opening prayer – Kathy Boh

### SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gail Kelly for Casey Scullin

- *Approval of minutes* - approved
- *Activity updates* - Barb used Christmas Cards to thank people, groups, and companies who have been very generous to the pantry such as ST. Boniface Staff, St. X, LaSalle, Miami View Ladies Golf Outing, Vonderhaar's, Skally's, and the Murphys (toy donation)

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- *Review of month's receipts and expenditures* - Chuck went over his report (attached): Auto expense is reimbursement to the parish for the use of the van; \$400/month for CAIN; Twinning expense (hurricane aid and donation to another parish). Barb had a question regarding the two notes at the Archdiocese, wondering about the breakdown of interest on the two notes. Chuck said there is no breakdown. He gets a report with the total in our account, not a breakdown of the interest on each note. Barb was disappointed in our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection in December and expressed reasons why collection was down ( poor weather, holidays, no envelope). In 2018, there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection envelope in our boxes of envelopes. There is no 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection in 2018 until April. In 2018 there will be 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collections and 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays when the pantry will be operating.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh

February 7 is the Feast day of Rosalie Rendu. Rosalie helped train Frederick Ozanam. Kathy read several quotes from Rosalie regarding her ministry to the poor. Rosalie was an extraordinary networker, who connected with the powerful, intellectuals, and the rich. She was never afraid to ask for anything and was a fearless worker. She provided care to the sick during cholera epidemics and refused to flee Paris to safety when there was danger from uprisings. Admired by many, 50,000 people attended her funeral.

### OLD BUSINESS

- *Thanksgiving –Barb* - “It was great, thanks to you” was the response from shoppers when Barb asked about their Thanksgiving pantry items. 76 signed up in October for the Thanksgiving. There were 14 no-shows but several people who had not pre-registered were on standby and were able to receive a Thanksgiving bag. There were only 4 bags left. Of the 76 families who

registered, 38 came again in December. Only one person told Barb why they weren't able to get here for Thanksgiving. Barb asks "Do we continue with the bags, registering in advance or just have an enhanced pantry the week of Thanksgiving?"

- *June 9 Poverty Simulation* – Kathy - Don Gloeckler and Kathy had conversations regarding poverty simulations., Mimi will get back to Kathy. Mimi wants the poverty simulation at the June 9 CAIN Board Meeting. They would like to do one per month. Only 3 scheduled to date. Limiting factors to have it here - 15 people minimum and space availability.
- *December Collection –Barb/David/Jim* - The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Collection in December totaled \$1477.50 which is lower than expected. Why? Lousy weather, holiday time, big donors were not there. Do we want to cash in one of the \$5,000 notes as our expenses will exceed our income until the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday collection?

## NEW BUSINESS

- *Thank you notes* - Barb displayed the new thank you notes. A box of the new cards has been printed and they are in the furnace room along with the intake forms that are used when someone calls for help. Barb says we should all use these forms if we are approached by someone at the pantry who asks for help. (beds/clothing vouchers, etc.)
- *FreeStore Collaborative Meeting(s) –Barb/Sue* - Sue reported on the meeting which was held at the Jewish Family Center. She said it was interesting to see how other pantries work. Some pantries prepare bags. Someone spoke about what kind of food we are serving and what kind of food donations are we asking for. A representative from UC is coming next week to see how our pantry works and to see if we are interested in being part of the Healthy Food Flyer. Next meeting is March 12 at Rumpke Recycling.
- *Visits (Home and Other Person) - Barb*. An "Other Person Visit" is a shopper coming to our pantry. If we go to their home, it is considered a "Home Visit." We have to keep track of our Home Visits and Other Person Visits. Notify Barb by email or fill out a form and put it in the St. VdP mailbox if, for instance, someone comes to the pantry when it is not officially open.
- *Financial Assistance Policy -Barb* - We have a cap of \$250 but sometimes need to go over that cap. At least half of active members need to agree before we exceed the cap. The Duke Heat Share program will be recommended to some of our shoppers.
- *Shelves –Barb/Karen* - Tim installed new shelves in our storage room. They are adjustable. What will we put on those shelves? Karen concerned about the heat in the room so a thermometer has been placed in the room. Repairs will be made in spring to take care of the water leak in the area under the steps.
- *SVdP Workshops and Events this Quarter and Cluster Meetings –Barb*. Feb 10 - Vincentian Discernment at St. Bernard in Spring Grove Village; Feb 24 - Conference Resource Fair at Roger Bacon; March 10 - Vincentian Mass and Retreat. Steve is reinstituting cluster meetings which means officers will have meetings with officers of other conferences.
- *Upward Spiral (SVdP Campaign) –Barb*. Program to make money for new building. \$7.5M of their \$12M goal reached. Launching campaign in February. SVdP will be meeting with specific parishioners.
- *Pantry – Sue/David*. Sue and Dave currently ordering every other week. Currently have much food from St. X and LaSalle. Many vegetables, soups, beans. Sue talked about the set up and how heavy food has to be placed on specific tables in specific areas because the longer tables are bowing. May put out a request for a donation for the purchase of new tables. David and Sue will check on the tables that are stacked in the boiler room to see if they are in good shape. Also, do we want to put a request in the bulletin for help with bed deliveries.
- Kathy gave us an update on Mark. Mark has helped Kathy many times. He had surgery in the beginning of November.
- WCPO - Barb will be able to announce pantry closings on WCPO.

- *2017 Review* -minutes, intake sheets Jan-Dec, volunteer hours, etc. will all be in a filing cabinet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the rectory. *2018 Preview-Barb*. Food from LaSalle and St. X - LaSalle new this year. Grandkids, losses, illnesses, accidents, Chuck became Treasurer and Kathy the Spiritual Advisor, etc. all happened in 2017. Delivery voucher delivered by Barb and Jim for furniture. We will be charged for that delivery. Delivery vouchers not valid for bed delivery. Barb articulated these challenges: status of future volunteers from St. Ursula; preparing people for the future of the St. Boniface St. VdP; help with bed deliveries; crosstraining on intake, vouchers for clothing, beds, and furniture.
- Feb Mass is February 7. Kathy will confirm date.
- There was a brief discussion about future fellowship. Do we meet at a FishFry?
- Next Meeting? March 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March)

**CLOSING PRAYER -Kathy**