

St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: 10/24/2017 7PM

Attendees:

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

CALL TO ORDER..... Welcome Back and How Are You?

- Opening prayer – Kathy Boh
 - Passage from the gospel of Mark

SECRETARY REPORT – Casey Scullin

- Approval of minutes – approved as submitted
- National Member Database – everyone who submitted data has been entered
- Activity updates – no updates

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- Review of month's receipts and expenditures
 - income for October was \$65.00, but October is an SVDP month
 - no Free Store checks were written this month
 - received 500 pounds of free food over the past few months – kudos to Sue and Dave
- Activity updates
 - Tax Exempt Number – number has been identified
 - Liability Insurance – do have insurance in place
 - Notes – yearly notes are sent to the Father Joe; Chuck should be getting the more recent copy

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh

- Reading from the St Vincent DePaul vocation story
- Though his story is from the 16th century, there can be parallels to our lives today
 - Comments – there is no act of charity lies beyond our capability
 - It is a call to help the poor
 - The more we do, the more we find there is to be done
 - Helping at the food pantry is a source of joy and feel compassion toward them as they appear genuine in their need
 - Working at the pantry promotes a connection with those we serve

OLD BUSINESS

- District Council Presidential Election – Barb
 - Debbi Schwartz from IHM was elected

- St. Ursula Girls
 - Checked to see if the girls can cover the 11/11 pantry as there is also Ozanam meeting, but have not heard from them or teacher moderator
 - Still waiting to hear from St Ursula to confirm if they can work the weekend of 11/11
- Thanksgiving –David/Barb
 - Police Officer 12:30 – 3:30 on November 18 – confirmed; SVDP will pay this expense
 - St Xavier contacted for food donations– Jim will pick the food up on 11/7, but who can help unload here at the pantry – school kids might be able to help
 - LaSalle has not returned calls – Jim has confirmed we are on the list
 - Oct 21-poster, box and sign on door – sign was posted letting people know about Thanksgiving
 - Give away will be on 11/18 – could be less than 120 families as there is only one remaining weekend to register
 - Revisit the Thanksgiving food list – Dave reviewed the list of food to be included in the Thanksgiving bags
 - Reusable bags – can reusable bags be used for Thanksgiving give away
- Ozanam Training at St Boniface – Nov 11 9-3 PM –Barb
 - Don/ Steve will be providing the training. Only 2 from St. B registered as of 10/17
 - Will be here Thursday, 10/26 at 9 AM to review the facilities and plan for the meeting
 - Food/drink – conference host will provide some of the refreshments for the meeting
 - Could use VonderHaar's, but Venice on Vine is a consideration
 - Does anyone have a preference or experience?
 - LaRosa's is an option – there is a school pricing program that may keep the price down
 - Ready-made sandwich is the better choice
- Masses – Kathy
 - Sunday 11/5 at 10 AM for Benefactors, changed from original date of 10/29
 - February and March – these Masses are on a week day rather than on the weekend
 - Organizations can only have one Mass a month
- Counters – October 31- Dave and Jim
- Parish (Gas card?) – Jim
 - No update on gas card for the parish
 - He did fill up the tank the last time he took the van
 - Suggestion is to get the card from the Marathon station at the corner
- St. Boniface does not have Giving Tree ... Cards etc to shut-ins whose names are in baskets
 - Shoot for a giveaway closer to St Nick's Day like socks or cold weather gear
- Neighborhood boundaries:
 - We still will have an inclusive approach to our pantry; if pantry runs into a problem, we may need to revisit our approach

NEW BUSINESS

- Understanding Poverty Workshop – Barb/ Stephanie
 - Stephanie talked about her experience with the Understanding Poverty Workshop
 - How to discern who is making the attempt to get out of poverty versus those who are “working the system”
 - Also encounter peer pressure from those who resent those striving to get ahead
 - Kathy shared impressions from her experience with the Understanding Poverty Workshop

- SVdP District Christmas Meeting – Dec 6 at St. Bart's at 6PM
 - Not everyone received a post card
- Quarterly reports – Casey/Chuck/Barb
 - Barb distributed the information that will be shared with the parishioners
- Home Visits/Vouchers /Beds/Calls – Barb
 - Have bed requests booked through December; future requests will be filled in January
 - Limited to four beds a month
 - Calls – one was referred from Bank Street for bed, but out of our conference; pledged \$95.00 to Duke for help to pay a bill; family in Little Flower requiring bed/furniture directed to Little Flower; some calls directed to CAIN; all handled in timely manner
 - Barb discussed some of the more recent home visits and the associated problems
 - Barb forwarded voucher info onto those who do home visits
- Use of SVdP Funds - Casey/Barb
 - Suggest that we wait until the end of the year before divesting the investments
 - We need to begin to think about how to spend down
- Safety in Pantry – Casey
 - Barb will see if she has contact info for security person from Free Store
 - St Ursula girls need to be only take bags to top of the stairs
 - Need to consider a plan of action – wait for Free Store security assessment
- Staffing for December
 - December 22 Bank Street is Christmas giveaway
 - Pantry will be closed on December 30
- Poverty simulation –Kathy Boh will look into
 - Can St Boniface host?
 - What other parishes can do this with us? Can we get enough people to participate?
 - Is CAIN able to participate?
- Next meeting?
 - No meeting in November
 - Next meeting on December 2 at 11:00 AM

CLOSING PRAYER – Kathy Boh