

St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: June 16, 2018 11AM

Attendees:

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

CALL TO ORDER Mission Statement (A network of friends inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need)

- Review Identity statement and identified Vincentian values: grow in holiness, build relationships and serve others
- Review the St Boniface mission statement to confirm that the Vincentian values are present
- Opening prayer – Kathy Boh
 - Read formal opening SVDP followed by an Our Father
 - Read a meditation that discusses the mission of charity and petition for prayer

SECRETARY REPORT – Casey Scullin

- Approval of minutes - approved
- Activity updates - thanks you notes for April fifth Sunday were mailed
 - Request to send a Thank You to Alice Haffner for the YMCA donation of food from the Senior Dinner Dance held 6/15

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- Review of month's receipts and expenditures
 - Equipment costs is for new refrigerator and lock box
 - CMA contribution has helped keep us solvent otherwise the conference would be in the negative
 - Grants are available to our conference: discussion on how to invest funds continued – the ideal would be to have a separate, newer facility to serve the conference
 - Barb's biggest concern: she is the sole contact for help and struggles with how best to utilize funds and what needs can be met – how can additional members be engaged in review and decision making for requests for help
 - Expressed concern: will we loose sight of our mission in attempting to capture data regarding services rendered to our clients
 - What is status of TIN for the conference? Chuck will follow up

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh

- Article distributed regarding the life of St Joseph, the roles he played, most specifically as a father
- Overview of his life – he faced many challenging decisions to ensure the protection of his family; many decisions required courage and faith with an ear to the Lord
- He is a model for parents, especially fathers
- Site for blog is TriniytChurchSunday.com

OLD BUSINESS

- NLFB- New Life Furniture Bank
 - Packet describing NLFB program was distributed and reviewed
 - Discussion regarding the annual fee - it is paid by Bank Street
 - Would our conference be willing to refer eligible families and pay the referral fee if situation arises? Past history indicates we would have had the opportunity to exercise this three time in a two year period
 - Suggested that conference allow up to a maximum of \$1050.00 – approved using a calendar year
- Computer – still working on getting it
- Ideas for funds – Socks, Backpacks?, Refrigerator, Bus passes? Car repair? – defer to meeting where there is a quorum present
 - Socks and backpacks – approved
 - Refrigerator – purchased
 - Bus passes – not approved
 - Car repair – not approved
- Thanksgiving – How we handle? Chickens from FreeStore?
 - OK to get chickens from Free Store – have come up with a solution to make the weight of the boxes more manageable
 - How to manage the shopping for Thanksgiving? Discussion of different approaches – final decision outstanding
- Scheduling meetings – decision: meeting will be third Saturday of the month with a start time of 11:00AM

NEW BUSINESS

- “From Your Servant Leader” June 7, 2018 – reviewed and discussed the Servant Leader article that discusses developing leaders for the future
- Food Pantry –
 - Tony – now working on Thursdays
 - June 30 (Fifth Saturday) – struggle to staff the pantry that day
 - Refrigerator Use – use only refrigerator – freezer is used by the Parish
 - July 1 Forms – new forms for intake; forms are now in six languages
 - Invoices – will now be sent via email to the St Boniface account; discontinuing the mailing of paper invoices
 - Vacations – no discussion
- Bylaws –
 - Revision of Twinning – there is a \$250.00 cap, but what about frequency – once a year max
 - Updates on calls and visits, beds, AC’s - discussion of visits and clients
- Eagle Scout Project, grants – see discussion under Treasurer report
- Summer Meeting at IHM – anyone going?
- Pantry Collaborative Meeting on 6/25 – looks like we do not have a representative for this
- Poverty collaborative at St George in August

Next Meeting: July 21- at 11:00AM in the basement of the rectory

CLOSING PRAYER