

St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: July 21, 2018 11AM

Attendees:

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

Welcome- Sunnie Lain

- Transferred from Dayton to Cinti conference
- Has varied experience in both parish conferences as well as diocesan conferences
- Has been a Vincentian for 11 years and is dedicated to her work
- Oversees faith formations and different conferences including Getting Ahead conferences
 - Next Getting Ahead is 9/11: helps people in poverty identify where they are now, identify what is holding them back and develop steps to address them and get ahead
- St Boniface Vincentians introduced themselves
- Opening prayer – Kathy Boh
 - Opening prayer distributed and recited

SECRETARY REPORT – Casey Scullin

- Approval of minutes – distributed with no feedback
- Activity updates - including status of Quarterly Report
- Thank you note was sent to Alice Haff at YMCA to thank her for the donations from Senior Dinner Dance

TREASURER’S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- Review of month’s receipts and expenditures – reported on expenses – outliers are the refrigerator
- Anticipate the cost of groceries to increase due lack of food donations; Sue reported she is seeing the monthly cost of groceries going up due to reductions of Free Store free items
- Chuck still researching TIN – Bank Street has a unified TIN that Cinti conferences can use so no need to get one
- Need to update TIN with Free Store and Northside Bank
- Fifth Sunday Collection is July 28-29: Jim and David will be counters

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh (Meeting August 7 at St. Joseph North Bend)

- Combination of inspiration and information
 - Information: August 7 is a Spiritual Advisors session – looking forward to attending
 - Inspiration: Will be discussing the many Saints that devoted their lives to the poor and aiding others
 - Discussed the Poverty Simulation sessions – still working things through with CAIN and Bank Street – on 8/18 session, if there are openings, staff from CAIN will be invited

- Reviewed a writing of comments by Pope Francis on St Vincent DePaul – will be referencing this reading in the future

OLD BUSINESS

- Computer/ Improvements (Thanks!) – (Chuck):
 - thank you for the improvements including defrosting the freezers; new table in the intake area
- Ideas for funds – Backpacks (Sue)
 - Purchased 24 backpacks – opportunity to purchase the backpacks was identified in the Conference newsletter
 - Have put a notice in the bulletin requesting a donation of school supplies
 - Can a request for reusable bags be placed in the bulletin?
 - How to encourage people to bring reusable bags – perhaps give them some incentive
- Thanksgiving – How we handle? Chickens from FreeStore? St. X Survey (Sue, Barb)
 - What to do with holidays? St Xavier asked us for what top ten things we would need in our food drive
 - Placed an order for chickens from the FreeStore, but won't know until August if we can get them; if not, we will order from the butcher last year
 - For Thanksgiving, will not pre-register because, but pre-bag some of the items – discussion about using a “menu” approach was spirited, with decision not to pursue it
- Food Pantry – Schedule/ vacations
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- Summer Meeting at IHM /First Fridays(Stephanie)
 - Faith formation every First Friday – discusses different topics of faith formation
- Poverty Simulation at St. Monica (Kathy) – open to Vincentians; also later in November in St James

NEW BUSINESS

- Reviewed what documents must be present and on display in the Pantry
- Increased the thermometers in the pantry to bring us into compliance
- Relationship with the SVDP store – what happens when the store won't accept the voucher because of expirations – contact Sunnie and/or Steve at Bank Street to see what influence they can bring to the situation
- July 1 VIRTUS Update (Barb): will not affect us as we are all Virtus trained; everyone older than 18 must be trained
- HEAP: Community Action people will be available to help people with Duke energy bills
- Neighbors' Updates: refrigerator situation resolved and AC situation was corrected; keep client who is losing her apartment in your prayers – is she a candidate for Getting Ahead; another client lost a room mate and needs help with rent
- Summer Fellowship: what do we do? Any opportunity for the group to do something- end of September is SVdP feast day and have a pot luck is a possibility
- Barb called to Jury Duty in August (8/6) so Jim will pinch hit in her absence
- Morris Furniture is out of funds so no more bunk beds and cribs are available
- Twinning – Sunnie explained value of twinning – helps people meet larger requests that will help them, while the other enables conferences to come together – it is considered Twinning only if the money going out is going to another SVdp conference
 - Should our conference put twinning guidelines in our policy? Discussion around the need and whether it is appropriate to distribute money outside St Boniface
- Next meeting is 8/18 at 11:00

CLOSING PRAYER – Kathy Boh

And – Happy Birthday to Barb!!!!