

St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: August 18, 2018 11AM

Attendees:

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

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)

- Opening prayer – Kathy Boh
 - Quotes from Ozanam recited and reviewed

SECRETARY REPORT – Casey Scullin

- Approval of minutes – distributed with no correction or additions; minutes approved
- Activity updates including St B SVdP business cards – cards printed and given to Barb
- Thank You notes for July fifth Sunday donations mailed
- Barb mailed two additional thank you notes for school supply donations

TREASURER’S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- Review of month’s receipts and expenditures including July Fifth Sunday
 - Envelopes come in any time
 - Trying to keep Poor Box and Fifth Sunday separate
 - \$200 expense is for the refrigerator
 - Running about 239.00 over at this point; once outstanding expenses paid to Free Store will put us further in arrears
 - Discussion about auto expenses – it covers cost of driving the van for pick up at Free Store
- Next Fifth Sunday is 9/29-30 (Counters?)
 - Jim and Mike will BE counters for this collection
- EIN updates
 - Have been using St Boniface EIN, but now need to use the SVdP Conference number assigned to Bank Street
 - All needed changes to existing accounts have been made

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh

- Four Masses have been scheduled on the behalf of the conference: 9/10 at 7:30AM for donors to SVdP, 9/29 at 8:00AM for all SVdP workers, 2/8 at 7:30AM for friends and those assisted by SVdP and 3/15 at 7:30AM for all leadership of SVdP both local and beyond
- 3 out of the 4 are scheduled one day off from the feast day due to scheduling conflicts
- Discussed joining and integrating into the St Boniface SVdP conference and how we have evolved in our mission; we identified gaps and filling them as needed

OLD BUSINESS

- NLFB- New Life Furniture Bank – initial use (Barb, Karen)
 - Home visit to an individual who met criteria for NLFB assistance; was supposed to be delivered on 8/11, but no one home; rescheduled the delivery for 8/14 which consisted of a couple of rooms of furniture
- Computer – Chuck
 - Will have the computer sometime this week
- School supplies – Barb:
 - Assembled bags that consisted of supplies that are being distributed until they are gone
- Reusable bags and incentives
 - Begin using in September – incentive to bring bags back is ability to choose extra items – still need to think that through
- Thanksgiving – How will we handle this year? Have your thoughts together, please
 - Hand out that details timeline for preparation for Thanksgiving meal – Sue reviewed with this group
 - Have started managing food to meet the needs for Thanksgiving
 - Logistically a challenge to determine how many clients there will be for Thanksgiving so there are constraints in ordering food due to storage, timing and assembling bags in advance
 - Assembling in advance tends to promote waste – so examine option of setting Thanksgiving food out for individual selection
 - Setting food out specifically for Thanksgiving – no registering in advance – will receive a chicken once during November for use on Thanksgiving
 - Store Thanksgiving food under the steps
- Summer Fellowship – Pot Luck on 9/27- Kathy
 - Will have dinner in the dining room of the Rectory – Sue has a lasagna in the freezer that we can use
 - Time is 6:30PM until 8:00PM – make an invitation to send to conference members for potluck

NEW BUSINESS

- CAIN discussion in light of email from Sunnie Lane
- Rules state that funds cannot be given to non-Vincentine organizations with an exception: can refer a client to another organization within the context of getting know our neighbor, understanding their needs and have CAIN acknowledge that they are in service of a St Boniface SVdP client
 - Responsibility will be on the SVdP conference member to have either a home visit or extended conversation regarding client's need and situation
 - Or, we stop donating to CAIN and keep money to use for our conference clients
 - Or reduce the number of SVdP of collection from 4 to 2 and use the other 2 collections for CAIN
 - Deferring decision until Rich Kelly can participate in the decision
- Closed on 9/29:
 - On 9/22 need to distribute all bread, sweets and cakes to free up storage – this needs to be policy any time we are closed on the fifth Saturday
- Twinning Policy (Bell thank-you note) following up on Sunnie's suggestion
 - Consider putting twinning activities on hold or discontinue completely
- Food Pantry – Survey from SVdP Bank Street, cart use for PC?, start of PSR, closed 9/29
 - Confirmed pantry closed on 9/29
 - Other items not discussed
- "Day to Dream" for Knox and Cavanaugh families on 8/25
 - Family is interested, but still have not heard from Bank Street
- CAIN /Poverty Simulation (10/16)- Kathy

- This will take place at CAIN
- Fall SVdP Fellowship Invitation on 9/23 at ST. Ursula
- Sue discussed the purchase of socks:
 - Purchase OK'd so distribute when the weather is colder
- SVdP – Hospital beds, medical assist -Barb
 - Not discussed
- B'day and JuryThank-you's!!!

Next Meeting: TBD since SVdP Officer meeting is on the third Saturday in September

CLOSING PRAYER