

St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: October 20, 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	X				
Jim Kuhn	X				
Karen Cable	X				

CALL TO ORDER Welcome Back and How Are You?

- Opening prayer

SECRETARY REPORT – Casey Scullin

- Approval of minutes – minutes from August approved as submitted
- Activity updates – Quarterly Report to SVdP and Parish/ Thank-you's

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- Review of month's/ quarter's receipts and expenditures
- Short discussion regarding the feedback from Steve Crowe regarding 33.00 discrepancy
- For 2019, there are four months that have five Sundays – with the change in our donation to CAIN, two of the four will be for SVDP and the other two will be for "poor in Northside"
 - For aggregate donations (the two Sundays) for "poor in Northside" that total in excess of CAIN receipt of \$4800, the excess will be directed to SVDP so the overall donation is in compliance with guidelines
 - Should we pay the parish for the use of their facilities for SVDP purposes? Perhaps give a monetary holiday gift? Decision shelved

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh

- Focusing on theme at the SVPD spiritual formation gathering – are we volunteers for SVDP or is this a vocation? Discussion followed
- Four faces of a Vincentian – Kathy read from material related to spiritual formation related to Vincentian and activities that allow them to reflect the love of God – each member shared their reason and purpose for being involved in SVDP

OLD BUSINESS

- Neighbors and CAIN
 - Previously, our relationship with CAIN was donations and referrals, but now we refer to CAIN with an email follow up to them; CAIN will notify us when referral has contacted, but in some instances the referred person does not follow up with CAIN – seven people have been referred through this process with requests that are more than rent and utility
- Pantry especially Thanksgiving – Flyer/Bins, Foods (FSFB, St. X, LaSalle), Cart, Closings?
 - Discussed food pick up/set up provided by the Crosby's
 - Thanksgiving – notice for SVDP was in last week's church bulletin; Barb to get bins in the church foyer

- FSFB – still struggling with on line ordering as to what is actually in stock and what is appearing on line
- St X pick up of food is Dec3; LaSalle is TBD
- Missing a cart – our carts have blue tape to distinguish from personal carts
- Pantry closed – Saturday after Thanksgiving and Saturday after Christmas
- Chase school has a pantry for parents and children that attend Chase School
- Home Visit meeting at St Ann (Kathy, Karen, Stephanie, Barb)
 - Each conference received post cards to leave with people who receive home visits
 - Was well organized, with applicable as well as inapplicable content

NEW BUSINESS

- SVdP Events – CAIN Poverty Simulation (Kathy)
 - Thanks to Kathy for her participation in the simulation
 - Kathy highly recommends attending the simulation to gain experience in living a life in poverty
 - Next one is Nov 10 at St James in Wyoming
- St. Ursula – (Rich)
 - Rich represented us at St Ursula to promote volunteering at the pantry
- November 1 (Barb) – Cluster(St. James), Pantry (Bank Street)
 - Lots of meetings that day
 - Chickens for Thanksgiving due for delivery
- St. Margaret Mary Conference – (Barb)
 - Closing to people so Bank Street will be picking up their work
- Directives !!!! Twinning/Helping Neighbors
 - Put protocol in place that provide guidelines for providing vouchers or other kinds of help
 - Directive from the parish is not to engage in twinning, but this is not a parish decision
 - Twinning should be based on true need – can we wait until others respond before responding ourselves?
 - Guidelines:
 - Do we budget a certain amount for twinning and another amount for helping our neighbors?
 - Twinning: need to create a budget to determine an allowance
 - Helping our Neighbors: \$500 a month to help with rent and utilities with a cap of \$250.00 per individual; every two years
 - Always say yes to a parishioner regardless of whether caps are met or not
 - Home visits should always be two by two to ensure integrity and safety
- SVDP in need of coats for the winter coat drive – if you have any to donate, please do so
- Vincentian or a Volunteer??? (pins)
 - Distributed in honor of the formation of the St Boniface SVDP conference in 1905

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! HAPPY FESTIVAL!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Next Meeting: Nov 17 at 11AM

CLOSING PRAYER