

St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: 12/2/2017 11AM

Attendees:

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

CALL TO ORDER..... Welcome Back /Family Updates

- Opening prayer – Kathy Boh

SECRETARY REPORT – Casey Scullin

- Approval of minutes – minutes distributed with no corrections so approved
- Activity updates –thank you notes for fifth October Sunday will go out in the next two weeks
 - Thank you notes being revised and is being printed
 - Barb Thank-you note to LaSalle for food contribution
 - Thank you to Connie Nuxoll for blankets
 - Thank you to KIA at the school
 - Thank you for \$100 donation check

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- Review of month's receipts and expenditures
 - All outstanding bills paid through the date of today's report
 - Checking balance is in the positive
- Activity updates
 - Tax Exempt Number... by October 2018
 - Tax number we are using is the one for Bank Street; need to get a TIN of our own
 - Investment Notes: notified by the archdiocese that reported interest was incorrect; need to correct that

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh

- Discussion of the glory of God and how it related to our work
- That message is prevalent today as it is the Christmas season
- Word "glory" refers to what brings honor and makes a person distinctive
- Birth of Jesus was humble and non-distinct, but the glory of it is the absolute humility of the circumstance of his birth
- SVDP reflects the circumstance of the Nativity in approaching our clients in humility as a friend

OLD BUSINESS

- Thanksgiving –David/Sue/Barb
 - November 16 and November 18 – went smoothly due to preparation on the part of Barb and those who prepped the bags
 - Should we do a registration again? Good idea as it is an indicator of who is in need, but the downside is that people receive a pre-prepared bag rather than choosing what you want
 - Alternative is to place the “ holiday food choices” in the pantry and clients can shop for what they need – will discuss again in January
 - LaSalle (Nov 17) and St X (Dec 5) Storage issue – can the freezer room be reorganized to accommodate storing items; could invest in shelving
 - Crosbys will be storing the St X food at their house and bringing it down on a weekly basis; drive the van to their house for transporting the food from St X
 - Still need to investigate a permanent solution for storage
- Ozanam Training at St Boniface – Nov 11 9-3 PM –Barb and attendees’ input
 - Thanks for those who helped in the set up for the training
 - Thank you to those who provided desserts
 - Feedback from attendees was positive other than lack of heat toward end of meeting
 - Feedback from attendees was positive – provided a good overview of the SVDP programs
- June 9 Poverty Simulation ? – Kathy
 - Update on this upcoming
- Masses – Barb
 - Thank-you’s to attendees at Sunday 11/5 at 10 AM Mass for Benefactors

NEW BUSINESS

- December Pantry enhancement and workers:
 - Need to look at workers for December 23; So far Rich and one of the Murphys have indicated they are available; Gail could be available that day if needed
- SVdP District Christmas Meeting – Dec 6 at St. Bart’s at 6PM (who’s registered?)
 - A few members will be attending; this is more social in nature
- Free Store Contract (4 pages of rules) and Meeting December 13 in Clifton
 - Free Store sent a contract that needs to be reviewed and signed
 - Not in compliance with everything in the contract, but they are minor; organizations using the FreeStore are subject to inspection
 - We are in compliance in terms of monthly reporting so food allowances are not in jeopardy
 - Paper work related to the Free Store must be maintained for 5 years
 - Per guidelines, cannot ask for income on the potential income nor proof of family size; the signature of the recipient creates liability on their part
 - Meeting on December 13 as to guidelines and allocations from the Free Store
- Moose’s Safety Review
 - Did a review, but has not followed up with suggested changes
 - Had concerns with the location of the intake since there is no get away
 - Read through tips for managing and deescalating threatening or angry behavior
- Individual Updates: provided updates for some clients who were visited at home and/or visit our pantry
- Beds and delivery – Karen
 - Have 4 outstanding requests for furniture
 - Also have outstanding requests for free beds; sent in 4 requests in December

- Depending on size of bed, Karen said we could use her husband's truck; what about renting a U Haul? Request can be for a complete bed including frames, or, just a mattress or box spring
- Fifth Sunday Collection Dec 30/31 and Counters January 2
 - Who is going to count? Jim and David will work that out
- Reviewed articles in the paper regarding issues that are local: pay day lending practices; Cincinnati is 10th highest eviction rate in the country
- CAIN takes in a substantial amount of money, but they do great service to the community; they do support our SVDP conference in our work

January Meeting:

- Meet on January 13 at 11:00

CLOSING PRAYER – Rich Kelly