

St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: December 15, 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			
David Crosby	X				
Gail Kelly	X				
Jim Kuhn	X				
Karen Cable	X				

CALL TO ORDER and WELCOME: (St .Boniface SVdP Mission Statement: The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Boniface Catholic Church is a non-profit, donation funded, and volunteer operated organization dedicated to assisting those within our parish boundaries who are needy and suffering. Inspired by our patron St. Vincent de Paul, our members, known as Vincentians, will join together to grow in our faith of Jesus Christ while offering assistance through their spirit of charity and compassion, which will be enriched with prayer and reflection.)

- Opening prayer – Kathy Boh

SECRETARY REPORT – Casey Scullin

- Approval of minutes – minutes approved as distributed
- Activity updates including database – no activities or updates
- Barb's acknowledgments – she has sent e-mail thanks to St X, LaSalle, and St Ursula HS. Others get a thank you phone call or a written acknowledgment -such as Northside Bank and Tony Michel; food from a golf outing that the Herbert golf outing and Panera Bread through Clinton Springs Church

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- Review of month's receipts and expenditures including correction to Quarterly Report – presented an expenditure comparison from this year and last year – appears donations are down; CMA money helped quite a bit:
 - New Life was a new expense
 - Refrigerator allowed use to have more dairy which increases food expenditure
 - Will discuss this report further next meeting
- Quarterly report was off by \$22.00; has been resolved – end of June had a data entry error that was discovered after the June report was submitted, submitted report was not corrected until end of year
- Next Fifth Sunday is 12/29-12/30 (Counters?): money will be counted by Jim and David after the first
- Computer: computer is now on site

SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh

- It is Gaudete Sunday which is a time of repenting and rejoicing – Kathy read a passage related to this season
- We speak as Vincentians to answer the call of Jesus through the service of others – the location and people attending to the birth of Christ are significant in that they were outside the "mainstream of life"
- People then shared their thoughts and reflections on the call of Jesus to service
- Next year the reflections will center on the prescribed Reflections of the Rule as directed by Bank Street

- Council has invited Presidents and Spiritual Advisors to a gathering at St Mary's Hyde Park to discuss spiritual formation

OLD BUSINESS

- Conference Assessment in preparation for Sunnie's January 19 visit:
 - Conducted a review of the assessment form to gauge progression and/or digression over the year
 - Assessment is improved over previous year
- Socks from C&M Mills for January (Sue)
 - Socks ordered for January
- Pantry -Thanksgiving and your thoughts on food distribution this year???, Personal care
 - This approach – not bagging – worked very well
 - With new approach, still necessary to close Saturday after Thanksgiving – need to think about it
- Personal care items – how to handle? Supplies of these items is running low – will always have bar soap thru the Free Store – we can buy it, rely on donations or eliminate personal care completely – can we place notices in the bulletin as well as purchase – use a combined approach
- LaSalle and St X donations
- WCPO Winter Closings – will still post pantry closings due to weather(would like someone near to observe and decide for us)
- Conference directives – NLFB, Twinning, Financial Assistance to neighbors – revisited guidelines covered in the October meeting
- May have a new source for diapers – can request of St Clare who orders off of Amazon; there is a new diaper bank that CAIN is investigating – do not know what the guidelines are
- Thanks to Sue for volunteering to be our representative at Bank Street Pantry meetings

NEW BUSINESS

- SVdP Opportunities for Members – Poverty Simulation/ First Fridays/ Christmas (attendees) – Kathy attended the party
- SVdP Opportunities for Neighbors – Coats (Jan 5), Food (Dec 20- corrected to Dec 21), Christmas Toys (Dec 17) – Barb attended the first Friday and poverty simulation meeting; restated dates for different activities; CAA – Community Action helps families with heating expenses
- Conference's remembrance to Sunnie's family (Kathy) – cards were sent and a special Christmas card specific to grief will also be spent
- Staff Christmas – a card to the parish staff that assists with SVDP activity
- New church envelopes?? – (Parishioners)- no one has checked; will check and will email Barb
- Neighbors – Assisted and/or referred to CAIN for assistance – reviewed the neighbors and the type of help that was provided since the last meeting

Next Meeting: January 19 2019 at 11AM preceded by 10AM Assessment meeting with Sunnie

CLOSING PRAYER

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family!