

# St Vincent DePaul Meeting Minutes

## St Boniface Conference

Meeting Date: 05/25/2017

### Attendees:

Amber Mingo		Kathy Boh	X		
Barb Luken	X	Rich Kelly	X		
Casey Scullin	X	Sue Crosby	X		
Chuck Menke	X				
David Crosby	X				
Gail Kelly	X				
Jim Kuhn	X				
Karen Cable	X				

### CALL TO ORDER

- Opening prayer – Kathy Boh – short prayer done with the theme of thankfulness followed by the Our Father
- Welcome Back / Farewell

### SECRETARY REPORT – Casey Scullin

- Approval of previous meeting's minutes- approved
- 33 thank you notes sent
- Supply of notes may be needed

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Chuck Menke

- Review of month's receipts and expenditures
- Activity updates
- 9482.00; all invoices paid 180.00 packing bill
- \$5000 with Archdiocese; received the Note back in church safe
- Deposits show over \$3000.00 in collections and about \$100.00 from poor box

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION – Kathy Boh

- Read a reflection from Louise DeMaralac – married and had one son; widowed at 31 and become a mentee of SVdP – she is the patron saint of social workers
- Above all be gentle and courteous to the poor as they are our masters
- Scripture reading – for what you do for the least of my brothers, you do unto me
- Vincentians approach the poor as a friend rather than a social worker as profession – how do roles and attitudes differ
  - Not paid
  - Not subject of data collection
  - Provide help a face value, not doing screening
  - Client versus idea of neighbor serves as basis for attitude and kindness
  - Also promotes an attitude of respect

## Welcome backs for people who were on vacation

- What?? No post cards?

## OLD BUSINESS

- Summer Schedule for purchasing – Sue
- Financial Assistance Cap – Barb
- SVdP relationship with CAIN – Steve
- Checkbook signers - Barb

## NEW BUSINESS

- National Member Database – Casey
  - Will be collecting data for entry over the next couple of months
  - Data helps with the securing of funding and grant money
- Pantry - Hamilton County Pantry Collective Meeting May 19 – Barb
  - These meetings are part of Free Store/Food Bank
  - Was good discussion
    - Directive from USDA – they can inspect pantries at any time
    - Can conduct audits
    - Free Store procedures for purchasing are being revised
    - Does Free Store have a resource list? SVdP does have one and it is available here
    - Free Store does list of food pantries and kitchens
    - Free Store – All Agency meeting will be in August
- Hunger Walk – if we participate can use our Account number 294 to have funds directed to us
- OHIO law, if passed, may restrict food distribution to smaller pantries – if you see anything about, contact you state representative
- If Federally funded, cannot refuse people food – emergency bags are OK
- One way to validate eligibility is to send post card to person lacking ID – consensus was we should not pursue this as a means of validation
- Tour of Corpus Christi pantry – serves three different parishes – large and well organized; tracks inventory as people shop
- SVdP Presidents Meeting:
  - Attended meeting and raised question of Virtus training – Steve stated we need to follow the diocesan guidelines
  - If Virtus trained, do not fall behind in continuing education – diocese will revoke clearance
- Fan and AC Program at Bank Street - Barb
- Pantry staffing – need sub for June 17 – Barb
- SVdP All Conference Meeting at St Savior June 29 – Barb

## Review and discuss what was purchased over the past month

- OHIO bonus allows for some food at no cost
- Steering away from items in glass containers due to breakage
- Thursday pick up and set up is very physical work – Gail will see if her son can assist with unloading
- One constraint is the lack of space for storing items
- Another constraint is van drivers are limited to St B employees
- Reviewed questions and concerns
  - Will need to limit some items due lack of stock at the Free Store
  - Produce – what to order? It comes in large lots and sometimes quality is poor

- Hard to gauge what is needed and how much to distribute
- Will limit the amount of milk ongoing due to availability and the weight
- Personal care items are running low – how to handle – Barb will put an item in the bulletin
- Is there a way to manage personal care items so they can be distributed to those most in need?  
If the shoppers ask
- Do we continue to purchase laundry detergent and dish detergent? Provide this soap since these items cannot be purchased with food stamps
- Continue to order TP from TNT since it is cheaper
- Continue to order soup thru the summer – easy lunch for kids during the summer
- Bread and pastries – will remain status quo for now
- Buying diapers at grocery store rather than Free Store – need to continue to do this
- Continue to buy cherries and blueberries? Yes and place it with the fruit
- Will post the summer schedule – will need to reset the pantry as noted

Fan and AC program is up and running

- If there is a request for fan or AC, need to send info to Bank Street and they will verify eligibility
- Distribution is at Bank Street

All Conference Meeting late June

Continue financial cap at \$250.00? Yes, continue with current cap

CAIN – Steve Crowe wants to visit their facility to see what they do

- Steve already contacted CAIN
- Barb anticipates a problem
- St B members sit on the CAIN board

Checkbook signers

- Only Vincentian has check signing authority
- SVDP money is a separate account

What do give out for Father's Day?

Thanks to David for doing home visits – are there others that are available? Rich and Gail may be able to assist

Five observations:

MSW is trained, a friend is not

MSW has professional aura that implies expertise, friend does not

MSW does not have personal involvement

MSW is bureaucratic

How do we approach our work? Will need to walk it out and help and coach each other

We need to learn to be a friend to the poor – people in the culture expect the government to care for the poor as opposed to personal involvement and commitment

**CLOSING PRAYER – Kathy Boh**