

Saint Vincent de Paul
Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2025
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Present: *Gemma Brennan, Sharon Bianchi, Jill Bradley, Kathy Minton, Barbara Neary, Meg Otchy, Mary Schwarz, Debbie Weingroff, Gen Yachnik*
Absent: *Paul Capelli, Joe Damato*

Home Visitors Presentations

Theresa Hinds for clients #1 - own home 20 years, Holiday City, Silverton, mortgage \$989.13. Spouse, age 72, had a heart attack and lost job. Refinanced home and has equity loan. Income = \$2885 (combined SS = \$2346 plus \$539 pension) plus an additional \$92 food stamps. Expenses = \$3398.35, net = (-\$513.35). In arrears for mortgage \$989.13 and oil \$709.58. Client has two cars, paying insurance for both, and cable is high. Clients have contacted lawyer to declare bankruptcy. Clients need to sell one of the cars and get the cable bill down. They live sparsely and own a dog. **Requesting \$989.13 rent. Case on hold** – what does lawyer say about the rent if bankruptcy declared, how did they get so far behind (oil over three months), what are they going to do about the two cars. No way clients can continue to financially live this way.

Susan DeMillio for client #2, age 40's, lives in apartment for the past two years with her child, age 20's. Child works part time and is going to nursing school, pays for the internet and own expenses. Client worked for LabCorp, downsized, lost job, looking for another. Just received unemployment check. Client pays for some basic needs for an incarcerated child. Income = \$1904 unemployment, applied for SNAP but no response yet. Expenses = \$3111, net = (-\$1207). Car was just repossessed, in arrears in: electric \$587.17, medical \$480, gas \$31.59, car and car insurance very high. **Board approved payment of electric \$587.17 and gas \$31.59 = total of \$618.76.**

Sharon Bianchi, treasurer for Joe Damato, client #3 - see board minutes of July 28 and August 11. Board approved \$430 on August 11 – two weeks rent. Per phone call from Joe during this meeting, Joe is now requesting approval of a total of **\$500 for rent, board approved.**

Gemma, president: potential cases

Potential client #4 – renting in Silverton, moving to Lena Road, TR, 11 year old child, Section 8, income \$1454 (SSI for child \$998, child support \$456) plus \$600 food stamps, client going back to school. Potential need of \$1850 for move. Don and Marney MacCarrick, home visitors, to meet with client and obtain further required information for board to discuss.

Potential client #5 – living at Holiday Inn, Providence House paying for 28 days stay, has 11 year old daughter currently living with the grandmother. Client dealing with many issues: abuse situation from spouse, hospital stay caused by resident of Providence House, on crutches broken foot. Starting job taking care of special needs adults, 40 hour work week, \$20 per hour. Client was given food and clothing from food pantry and helping hands. Further details to be developed.

Financial payments approved: \$1118.76 (client #2 = \$618.76, client #3 = \$500).

Board Members Updates

Debbie, spiritual advisor: discussed Casino Night for another non-profit – more details to follow.
-Contact made donations to food pantry and helping hands.
-Last Sunday in September, 10 am Mass, SVdP re-commitment.

Meg, garden coordinator: garden doing very well.

Gen, helping hands: reopened to guests, fall/winter clothing.
-Received two thank you cards from a guest to Christine and to the HH staff for the kindness and assistance provided.

Barbara, fundraising coordinator:
-Received approval for bake sale the same weekend as paver sales.
-Trunk or Treat – will provide candy and decorate the SVdP van to participate in the church's event. Please assist with candy or participation that day.
-Bosco's – hoping to increase participation over last year (2024 = \$1745). Will promote with greater emphasis on needs.

Mary, food pantry coordinator: September 3, 9 am, workshop for food pantry staff training on new computer. Copies of power-point cost \$127.

Jill, secretary: Minutes up to date. Follow up with potential new members in conjunction with Linda P (3-4 current potentials).

-President nomination information emailed to all members on August 23. Extra copies are in the process book – see Jill or Kathy. Encourage staff members to seriously consider this position. A full copy of the email is on the food pantry wall. (*Suggestion from Gemma, do not announce the winner the day of the count. Announce by email a day later. All agreed that would be better*).

Kathy, technology coordinator: New computer coming in soon. Will make this computer the HUB for all pertinent information. John does not want payment, just a review on google. Kathy will handle.

-Did five appreciation certificates: four to summer students at food pantry and one to AC Sprinkler.

Gemma and Barbara – discussed CCFD meeting from the past week. Will see how that progresses. If SVdP and CCFD are joint, then it should be joint in the parish bulletin but it is written as two separate ministries.

Gemma: -school supplies going well, Manchester schools have not received supply list yet. AC Sprinkler comment – water system needs a new controller, pending price but board approved as we need to have the garden.

Meeting adjourned 4 pm with SVdP closing prayer. Please add the DeMarias', Baby Minton Espino and mom, Mellissa, and Cartnick's to your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bradley, Secretary