

Saint Vincent de Paul
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025
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Present: *Gemma Brennan, Sharon Bianchi, Jill Bradley, Joe Damato, Barbara Neary, Mary Schwarz, Debbie Weingroff, Gen Yachnik*

Absent: *Paul Capelli, Mary Schwarz, Meg Otchy*

Meeting commenced at 1:30 pm with SVdP prayer.

Home Visitors Presentations

Joe Damato, home visitor coordinator, for client #1, prior discussion at June 2, 2025 board meeting (see minutes), lives at Oxford House, age 53, was assisted by Hope Sheds Light to find a new job. Board had approved \$380 for two weeks rent. Since then, had car accident, can't use car, spending \$40 per day for Uber to get to work, requests another \$190 for rent. **Board declined**, already helped client. Suggest client contact Hope Sheds Light for assistance.

Tom Jones, client #2, lives at Hopes Crossing, single parent with three year old child, separated from spouse, used all saving and unemployment for court costs to obtain some custody of child – not a good situation living with the spouse. Currently unemployed, went to school for CDL license (Commercial Drivers License), completed but needs to take the road test. Once passed, client has job lined up for the end of October with income of about \$50k. Requests – September rent \$213 plus car payment of \$785 = **\$998. Board approved.**

Gemma Brennan, client #3, age 39, won lottery for an apartment in Forked River. Currently lives on Washington Street, not a safe area, has teen age child attending high school. Dawn, case worker from Bright Harbor Healthcare, brought case to Gemma, intake form completed by Gemma, and presented to the board. Requested \$830.50 to move by October 1. Washington Street is St. Joe's territory. **Board advised to forward case to St. Joe's.**

Updates on clients:

#4, discussed at August 25 board meeting (see minutes), was requesting \$1850 to move from Silverton to Lena Road. Further information had to be developed. Client decided not to move. Case closed.

#5, discussed at August 25 board meeting (see minutes), client will find out today if able to obtain apartment at James Street Apartments. Currently living in hotel. Providence House paying for 28 days as there was an issue with another client also staying at Providence House.

Financial support to clients at this meeting = \$998 (Bryant).

Board Members Updates

Sharon Bianchi, treasurer: reported on checking account balance and weekly deposit.

Gemma Brennan, president:

- Parish well repair bill = \$2350. Tabled for discussion at next board meeting.
- Christmas Luncheon – request moving from Friday, December 12 to Friday, December 5 (Gemma and several others unable to attend the December 12 date).
- Met with Fr. Michael regarding the October 22 County meeting. Father suggested inviting all the pastors so they can meet Gemma and other SVdP members.
- Ozanam Orientation at St. Luke's, February 21, 2026.
- Rosary Altar Society – requested use of Food Pantry Ark in Narthex for yarn donations.
- Catholic Social Services, Executive Director, Brenda Rascher meeting – would like to work closer with SVdP. Has lawyer for free legal services and teaches dynamic budgeting.
- September 29, Sawmill, Seaside, noon – 6 pm, 2025 pizza war fundraiser- chefs who provide donations to charities.
- Will be at SVdP, St. Luke's and is willing to assist new president as warranted.
- Provided certificate of appreciation to A&C Sprinklers and gave them parish bulletin write-up.

Jill Bradley, secretary:

- Minutes -September 8 need to be redacted and then placed on website.
- Currently no nominations for president. Will write third mailing to all members, to be sent out by Kathy this week. No president = No SVdP. We need members to consider the seriousness of this and hopefully step-up.

Barbara Neary, fundraising coordinator:

- Padre Pio – had considered for March 10 or March 12, however, the 2026 calendar for Padre Pio is not available yet – so no date set.

Kathy Minton, technology coordinator:

- New computer needs some updates.
- Tom Jones agreed to be back up to Kathy should questions arise in Kathy's absence.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm followed by SVdP prayer. Please continue to include: The DeMaria's, Rich Ritota, Marie DeSordi, Carl and Ruthanne Gilanti, Jix Monetti.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bradley, Secretary