

**Saint Vincent de Paul
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 25, 2024**

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Present: *Gemma Brennan, Sharon Bianchi, Jill Bradley, Paul Capelli, Frank Kelly, Kathy Minton, Barbara Neary, Meg Otchy, Ben Russell, Mary Schwarz, Deb Weingroff, Gen Yachnik*

Absent: *Joe Damato*

Gemma, president: commenced meeting at 1:30 pm followed by Debbie with SVdP opening prayer.

Sharon Bianchi, treasurer: weekend deposits = \$2,331, checking account balance = \$30,840.06.

Gemma: no follow-up note yet from Fr. Michael's attendance at our SVDP meeting.

Delivering certificates of appreciation – donors very grateful and provided additional monetary, food, and clothing donations.

Christmas gathering, December 13, advise if attending.

Community Comfort and Fellowship Dinner is December 19. Now SVdP and CCFD are partners, again. November dinner = 60 guests and 24 volunteers. Need to have the volunteers organized to cover needed jobs and not be hosting dinner for all the volunteers. Should be discussed with Marie Alfano.

Redeemer-House ladies plus a SVdP member are adopting a homeless family (clothing, food, toys).

Boy Scout Pack 92 Silverton, donated canned goods on November 18, CCD class assisted in sorting these goods along with about 10 plus SVdP members.

Pastor Rhetta of Code Blue – presentation of her activities to help the homeless and requested our assistance in the purchase of 15 additional cot covers. We provided assistance in the past. Board approved payment for 10 covers. Day of Remembrance, December 19, 7-8 pm, First United Methodist Church – for all the homeless who have died.

Town Hall meeting, December 12, 6:30 pm – final decision on 17 beds in the Day Center.

Farro's Tees – thank you for the donation of clothing. Unfortunately, many had individual names on them (kids) and police and fire departments. Not able to use many of these. Will discuss with donor.

Jill Bradley, secretary:

Reminder that all member registration forms for 2024-2025 are due to Jill by Monday, December 9. Coordinators – please check that the forms are completed correctly before giving to Jill. Jill will review and provide to Linda Panaccione by year end.

Board minutes – completed, approved and on the web.

Mary Schwarz, food pantry coordinator:

Evening Night in November – no clients. Next evening, Monday, December 16, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Will follow up with Lisa (CCD) and Joe Damato – the evening pantry hours were supposed to be for clients from home visits and CCD parents who can not get to the food pantry during the day. Need to determine the future of these openings.

Food is sufficient at this point.

Barbara Neary, fundraising coordinator:

Gemma and Barbara to meet to discuss possible activities in light of Fr. Michael's comments at

the SVdP meeting. Not sure what is acceptable to him.

Paul Capelli, furniture coordinator:

No response yet to his request for assistance with the furniture ministry – this request should go to all SVdP members not just the board.

Discussed several guests the ministry was able to help with furniture.

Meg Otchy, garden coordinator:

After Christmas – requests to use the dirt from the poinsettias for mulch.

Gen Yachnik, helping hands:

Swamped with donations – would like to hold off any further clothing/house wear donations for the month of December. Christine to discuss with Gemma to see how this notice could be sent to membership. Absolutely no summer/spring clothes – no storage space.

Accepting Christmas decoration donations.

Kathy Minton, technology coordinator:

Working with Gemma on additional donor certificates.

Chris, new young member, will work with Kathy on updating the office computer.

Registration Form (2024-2025) - added as a word document, member can fill out online, download, and then send to the coordinator.

Susan DeMillio, toy drive coordinator:

Very successful – thank you Susan for all your and the committee's hard work. In addition, LakeRidge and Rotary Club made large toy donations on Friday.

Susan will not be doing this next year. Need to discuss the future of this ministry for 2025, whether or not it will be continued in some manner or not at all.

Next board meeting, Monday, December 9, 1:30 pm.

Gemma: adjourned meeting at 3:30 pm followed by Debbie with SVdP closing prayer.

Please include the following in your prayers: Miguel Garcia, Mary Egging, Ro Saviello, Archie Miller, Rita Williams (passing), Carl Gilanti, Aidan Lockerbie, Debbie (special intention), Gemma (special intention), Carol Murtha (hip surgery), Dawson (2 month old baby with genetic disease), Jesse (homeless).

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bradley, Secretary