

Saint Vincent de Paul
Board Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024

Website: svdpstluke.org

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

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

- Thanked board for the prayer and president pin from the last meeting
- Read Christine Cotgreave's thank you note for moving the board meeting to 1:30 pm
- SVdP county meeting, November 13, St. Luke's, advise Gemma if attending
- Suggestions for next year general meetings – March 21, June 20 (inc. prayer service with Fr. Al), September 19, December 12. Working on having a day retreat, respond to Gemma on suggested time of the year.
- CCFD, November 21, received \$600 donation towards the dinners
- Silverton Boy Scouts Pack 92 delivering food on November 18, 6:30 pm, CCD students will help unpack, food to be placed in the conference room
- Discussed several concerns of a member of SVdP, board to respond directly to Gemma regarding opinion on those concerns
- Completing the parish bulletin article regarding SVdP annual report
- Ozanam training – should we have one at Our SVDP – respond to Gemma with thoughts
- Homeless/Housing Coalition – November 6 meeting, 194 calls already received from homeless in Ocean County, Town Hall meeting on November 18, 6:30 pm. Seventeen beds currently on hold because of zoning issue and public opinion.

Board meeting, November 11, Fr. Michael will attend – will have normal meeting. Areas to possibly bring up: weekend in the Narthex to promote SVdP; suggest each parish ministry given 2-3 minutes at weekend masses to speak on the needs of that ministry, Social Sunday SVdP to host.

Jill Bradley, secretary

Reminder – updates for Ministry Members list due back to Jill by November 9. Joe and Mary still need your updates.

New **registration forms** for Linda P. are now on the website under “More” then “Forms.” Each ministry coordinator will be responsible for having their members complete and return the form to the coordinator, then coordinator returns all to Jill **by December 6**. Form should not take more than three minutes to complete. Jill has to have all back to Linda P. by the end of the year. Forms can be printed off on conference room printer. Board members with completed forms – Gemma, Kathy, Debbie, Gen, Sharon, Jill, Frank, Mary... thank you. Ben, Paul, Joe, Barbara – please complete.

All board minutes approved, redacted, and on website.

Ben Russell, will be working to assist Contact, probably in January/February.

Sharon Bianchi, treasurer

- Bank balance = \$23,760. Weekend Mass donations not included.
- Received donation of \$1,000 from Dr. Karwowski.
- Need to pay \$950 for Solidarity to County SVdP.
- Discussed the items and amounts going into the annual report.
- Board should receive copy of the annual report when completed as well as projected budget and items for the upcoming fiscal year.

Home Visits – (Gemma for Joe)

Three received but not in our conference area. Referred to other SVdPs.

Mary Schwarz, food pantry coordinator

-Month of October – served 270 families (606 adults, 373 children for a total of 978 individuals). Started to give out the turkeys.

-Pantry gone from famine to feast – currently a good supply of food but increasing demand.

-November 18, first evening open for food pantry, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, 10 member volunteers, guests to be CCD parents and home visit clients who are in need but unable to get to the pantry during the day. Future - will open once a month on the first Monday of the month.

Kathy Minton, technology coordinator

-Updated website with fiscal results

-Will update SVdP poster and completing donor certificates

-Contacting Chris Rosotko, new member, to help with technology

Meg Otchy, garden coordinator

Four beds have been redone with insert linings (deter termites), four more to be completed.

Paul Capelli, furniture coordinator

-Providing for client of Michelle Jones at Hopes Crossing

-Client #1 (from Helping Hands) provided furniture in a house shared by many people (illegal housing)

-Needs back-up (man and woman) to assist the Capelli's in this ministry. In addition, they will be away for six weeks in Feb/March so need replacement members while away. Please contact Paul if able to assist either full time or for the six weeks.

Gen Yachnik, helping hands

Looking for adult and children's winter coats and jackets. Also, very little men's clothes in small and medium sizes. Need children's - girls 4-6x and boys 0-8 years.

Susan DeMillio, toy event coordinator (Gemma for Susan)

Already have 230 children registered. Need to end this sign-up a week earlier. November 8 will be the last day for child sign-up.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm followed by Debbie providing SVdP closing prayer. Also pray for Mary Egging, Archie Miller, Rita Williams, Miguel Garcia, Carl Gilanti, Aiden Lockerbie, Debbie (special intention), Gemma (special intention), Walt (blood clot), and Jeff (being deployed for nine months).

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bradley, secretary