St. Vincent de Paul Board Meeting Minutes July 15, 2024

Website – svdpstluke.org

Present: Gemma Brennan, Sharon Bianchi, Jill Bradley, Joe Damato, Barbara Neary, Meg Otchy, Ben Russell, Mary Schwarz, Debbie Weingroff, Gen Yachnik

Absent: *Kathy Minton*

Gemma, president -commenced meeting at 1pm followed by Debbie with SVdP prayer.

Debbie, **spiritual advisor** – working on re – commitment, hopefully to be held the end of September at a 10 am mass.

Sharon Bianchi, treasurer – checking account balance =\$29195.62, weekend mass donations = \$1211.

Jill Bradley, secretary – ratification completed for **client #1**, Redeemer -Her House, rent = \$569. July 8 minutes had incorrect name of client as **client**.

Brenda Conni – not able to volunteer very often. Will help out garden when available. Take her off sub list for helping hands.

Meg Otchy, garden coordinator – the corn is growing well, volunteers are assisting.

Joe Damato, home visit coordinator – no cases today. Ana Garcia is completing paperwork to assist as home visitor. Has enough volunteers at this point.

Mary Schwarz, food pantry coordinator

New members are being placed in positions. Take Luchi Doyle off food pantry sub list, she has not assisted.

Gen Yachnik, helping hands – new members are being oriented into the ministry.

Pail & shovel summer program is completed. Now working on school supplies. Need school glue sticks.

Barbara Neary, fundraising coordinator –

15 members to attend the Tuckerton Seaport event, as of today.

Save the date of October 22 for the Boscov fundraiser.

Kathy Minton and Barbara working on an annual list of potential fundraising activities.

Looking into the Walk for the Poor.

Kathy Minton, technology coordinator-

Continues update of the Website – hopefully will soon connect to St. Luke's new website. Preparing certificates for consistent donors.

Please review items on the website – updated information is being placed there on events, meetings, etc. Remind your staff to use this informational vehicle.

Gemma -

Ben to assist with correspondence.

Frank Kelly to be alternate board member.

Homeless Coalition raffle raised \$3,000 and all three winners were from St. Luke's.

Men's Club, Fairways, raised food donations $-\frac{1}{2}$ to Our Lady of Guadeloupe and $\frac{1}{2}$ to SVdP. Wrote thank you letter.

August 14, SVdP County Meeting at Our Lady of Guadeloupe, Lakewood.

Family in Neptune – collectively SVdP raised a total of \$32,000 for this family of nine.

Archie's car is going to Kathy Core, Redeem-Her House.

Pastor Rhetta – donation of mattress covers, SVDP cost = \$221.76.

Gabrielle, Redeem-Her House – Gemma's neighbor donated \$100 to help her move to new apartment in Brown Mills, requests assistance from Vincent's Legacy to furnish the apartment and school clothes for her 6 year old son.

Fr. Michael – need to determine gift for his becoming the pastor (probably money).

Sharon Martone, client, finally finished with the dentist – our commitment \$1500.

Gemma – adjourned meeting at 2:15 pm followed by Debbie with SVdP closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Bradley, Secretary