

**St. Vincent de Paul Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2024**

**Present:** Gemma Brennan, Sharon Bianchi, Jill Bradley, Joe Damato, Kathy Minton, Barbara Neary, Meg Otchy, Mary Schwarz, Gen Yachnik

**Absent:** Debbie Weingroff

**Gemma, president** – commenced meeting at 1:15 pm with SVdP prayer. Please pray for Mary Egging and Gil Kerrigan's health.

Sue DeBella will coordinate/track volunteer hours.

**Jill Bradley, secretary**

For those who have not approved June 10 minutes yet – please do so.

Ministry Membership update – two new members have started with food pantry (Studenko & McMahan). YEAH!!!

With help from Meg Otchy – Jodi Johnson now assisting the garden on Saturdays.

Following up with the other potential new members (seven) who are in the process of completing membership requirements and three current members to serve ministries.

Based on June 2023 minutes, all bills of \$500 or more should have board knowledge (this excludes any client needs/those all need board approval).

**Sharon Bianchi, treasurer**

**Bank balance = \$31,955.77**, weekend mass donations = \$761 (\$651 donations and \$110 paver).

Day Center request (homeless) for underwear. Purchase was approved at June 6, 2024 board meeting. Payment made to Gemma for \$219.62 purchase.

Sharon will advise of all future payments \$500 + made by ministries (for those not discussed at board meetings) so the board is aware of payments/needs of the various ministries. May 2024 - \$1200 food pantry.

**Joe Damato – home visit presentation for Pat and Jeff Snyder**

**Client #1** – St. Joe's referral, 54 years old, single, had name on low income apartments for the past 10 years. June 4, 2024 approved and given three weeks to have all paperwork and money together. Moving into Green Meadows apartments on August 1. Client works for a real estate company – Hovanian. Income = \$2674, expenses = \$2117, net = \$557. The Snyder's recommend helping this client with the one month rent and then client should be fine. Short notice of approval created problem for client. **Board approved payment of rent = \$1236.**

**Gemma – Client #2**, sheet rocking needs, discussed at May 20, 2024 board meeting. Quote for materials from Lowe's = \$500. Labor free since Frank is doing it. **Board approved \$500.**

**Meg Otchy – garden coordinator**

Members - Sue Tilton will assist garden on Wednesdays and Jodi Johnson will assist on Saturdays.

Irrigation system is a problem – hose appears to be clogged and needs fixing. Charlie Yannelli and Rich have been very helpful in this area. Ron Russell has also been great as the garden's compost coordinator.

Currently pulling garlic – all other produce doing well.

**Gen Yachnik – helping hands**

Kyle (seminarian) very helpful today.

A significant donation of baby clothes and items by Alex Lugo's family arrived today. A first time guest was in need of many children and baby items – HH was able to greatly assist this client because of that donation.

Currently giving out pails/shovels, bubbles, chalk (summer fun items) to guests' children.

**Mary Schwarz – food pantry coordinator**

Kyle also worked with food pantry.

Two new members, one started and the other will start next week (Studenko & McMahon).

**Kathy Minton – technology coordinator**

Working on website updates – all forms, ministries, and outreach. In the process of updating the financials. Marie Alfano may be able to assist with write up of Community Dinners for Outreach Section.

Coordinating with Kathleen Muzzio for St. Luke website update (per K. Muzzio – parish website to be completed in one – two weeks).

Vincent Legacy telephone number on the website (furniture ministry).

Magic Show – sent note to Lisa (CCD) and Kathleen Muzzio for dates to sell tickets. \$15 pp prior to event, \$20 pp at the door.

**Barbara Neary -fundraising coordinator**

Bosco tickets have not come in yet. Barbara will check on this.

Tuckerton seaport event – Barbara will be the keeper of individuals attending and payments for the trip.

**Gemma – updates**

Sending thank you note to Kyle for assisting SVdP – he will also cook at the BBQs.

Became board member for the Housing and Homeless Coalition (will sell tickets for their fundraiser – weekend of June 28/29 after the masses). Ask members to assist at the masses. Hoping the Coalition can become a code blue and code red resource.

Received thank you notes from St. Joe's for twinning/guest and Father Vincent (Yamba Uganda).

BBQs – cost to rent grill \$240 (split between CCFD & SVdP). Gemma making macaroni salad, needs additional assistance. Gen Yachnik and Meg Otchy will make cole slaw. General meeting will have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pretzels, dessert, beverages, etc.

Certificates of appreciation will be given to significant donors.

Membership for SVdP is increasing – several more in the process of finishing requirements.

Tuckerton Seaport overview - \$20 pp, Tuesday, September 10, land and boat tour, first boat tour 11 am, second boat tour, 1 pm. Lunch – bring your own or short walk to Stewards.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm. Please pray for the intentions of all the board members and SVdP members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Bradley, Secretary