

St. Vincent de Paul  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2024

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

Absent: *none*

**Gemma: president**

Commenced meeting at 1pm followed by Debbie with SVdP prayer.

Pray for Rita Williams, Peter Juras and Archie – health is failing. Father Michael has or will be seeing them all.

**Jill: secretary**

Update on status of potential new members (eight – Berrianferrari, Burke, McCrohan, Murtha, M., Murtha, C., Studenko, McMahan, Howell) in various points of completing necessary information. Jill is following up with them to move into ministries.

Contacting four current members to discuss assisting with ministries – (Johnson, Ferrante (FP), Striessel, Green).

Please approve or provide corrections for June 3 board minutes if you have not done so.

Per Gemma – potential new member – Del Rocco, L. referred her to Linda P.

Follow up on clients: **Client #1** (sheet rocking) – Gemma has not been able to get in touch with Frank yet. St. Joe's request for **Client #2**, \$1000 board approved on May 24 and was ratified at this meeting. County Conference request for \$500 for **Client #3** family – was paid but not cashed yet.

Will be returned if not enough money is raised.

**Sharon: treasurer**

Account balance = \$33,240, weekend mass donations = \$658

**Financial Support provided at this meeting** (see below comments): **\$1110.21** (\$910.21 – Client #4, \$200 Day Center)

**Tom Jones – home visit presentation (for Michelle Jones)**

**Client #4**, 59 years old, spouse is 71 years old (had stroke and is confined to bed), lives in Greenbriar Woodlands, renting home from the bank. Client had broken back in 2021 and while in the hospital, spouse had stroke and client's sister-in-law (now deceased) stole house from client. Sister-in-law had power of attorney.

Income = \$1200 (spouse's #SS), expenses = \$1137 without food, net = \$63. Client is caregiver for spouse – they do not have a car. SVdP provides food home delivery to client. Client is applying for food stamps and Medicaid. Board suggestions – have client apply for income assistance as caregiver, contact PADD, contact Outreach at Greenbriar and contact Caregivers. Contact the electric company – may have the ability for a reduction if used for spouse's medical needs. Client is behind in gas (\$505.36) and electric (\$404.85). **Board approved both for a total of \$910.21.**

**Gemma – follow up on past board meeting discussion of Clients #5/#6**

Gemma and Ben follow up – per client, the \$200,000 was for religious articles in 2014 that client claims never ordered or received. Client has no documentation of any of this. Client ignored it.

However, the IRS must have some documentation! Referred them to Ocean Inc – for help with budget and resources.

### **Mary Schwarz: coordinator food pantry**

Comparison of families served in 2023 to 2024 from January – May.  
2023 = 829, 2024 = 998. That's 169 more families = 120% increase. Inflation and immigration impact these numbers.

### **Gen Yachnik – helping hands**

Provided a list of items that HH **can not accept** - Babies: bottles, car seats, pacifiers, high chairs, cribs. Adults: canes, walkers, wheelchairs. Sports: equipment, shoes, clothing. Items that are chipped, broken, soiled, worn out, toys/puzzles that are missing pieces or need batteries (one would think that is common sense – not so!!!).

Developing a list of other resources that donors can bring items to – if HH can not accept.

### **Meg Otchy – coordinator garden**

**Most wanted list-** the deer that ate the pepper plants!!

Other produce coming along well. Meg will reach out again to Jodi Johnson and Brenda Conni for garden assistance.

### **Barbara Neary – coordinator fundraising**

Barbara and Kathy Minton will develop an annual list of fundraising activities.

Gen Yachnik's son is a musician – may be able to use his talent in the future.

### **Kathy Minton – coordinator technology**

Developing a list of Ocean County resources for guests /SVdP members- shelter, affordable housing, utilities, medical, etc.

Need's Lisa's (CCD) phone number for promotion of Magic Show – obtain from Kathleen Muzzio.

Will now be part of the Nomination Committee for SVdP president (Jill has requested to be relieved of this awesome job).

Discussion of SVdP pins for members to wear - \$2 per pin. Gemma would like to have SVdP purchase and provide to members. That's about \$200. Much discussion! Three in favor – seven not. Majority feel very few will wear. For \$2 those who want can purchase themselves. Discussion tabled.

### **Gemma:**

Kathleen Muzzio – purchasing a booster for the WiFi.

Community Dinner (CCFD), June 27, BBQ.

General meeting, June 28, BBQ and short retreat on spirituality from Father Al.

September 10, trip to Tuckerton Seaport, \$20 pp, will announce at general meeting. Barbara Neary will collect money.

Day Center request – men and women's underwear. Board approved \$200. Gemma will purchase.

Gemma attending tonight's meeting of all faiths at Lutheran Church to address the homeless problem (possibly become board member).

Habcore requested SVdP pay for three homeless persons that Habcore placed in a hotel. Gemma declined request and advised of our position to not pay for hotel stays/and SVdP can not donate to another non profit charity.

All coordinators to provide Gemma updated info on their ministry by June 19 - for Gemma to present at general meeting.

No general meeting in July. Next general meeting will be August 23. At August meeting, the nominating committee will present list of candidates who are interested in the SVdP president position.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm followed by closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Bradley, secretary