

St. Vincent de Paul
Board Meeting Minutes
June 3, 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 1 pm followed by Debbie with SVdP prayer

Sharon -Treasurer

Memorial weekend masses = \$890, June 1 & 2 weekend masses = \$2102.

Checking account balance = \$31,770.

Great job, Sharon saving SVdP from a \$240 fee by explaining to the IRS the reason for the 990ez delay.

Eileen Hoerlein – home visit presentation

Client #1, 52 years old, lives in Meadowlands Apartments, rent = \$1400. SVdP provided assistance to client in 2021 (\$2800 in rent)). Client has health problems, RA and Fibromyalgia. Client works as a social worker but was out of work for four months due to health problems. Client's child's spouse passed and client helps child with babysitting the grandchildren. Given the above facts, client got behind in electric payments (\$788.68).

Income = \$5301.30, expenses = \$5074, net = \$227. Eileen Hoerlein supports payment to client. Board approved payment of electric at **\$788.68**.

Ben Russell and Gemma Brennan – home visit presentation

Clients #2/#3, married two years, moved into Greenbriar Woodlands about two years ago. Client #2's child, 26 yrs old, lives with couple. Client #3 has an outstanding issue with the IRS (\$200,000) but will not discuss reasons. Employment income of client #3 (transit company) is now being garnished \$1881 per month. Both client #2 and child work but no info on what they do. Expenses = \$7650 with high credit card debt and car payments. Client #2 was totally unaware of the IRS issue.

Client #3 is very domineering and not forthcoming in providing adequate information on income, expenses, issues going on. Clients requested \$1,735 to pay utilities. **Board declined any assistance**. Payment would not help this couple. It would just be a waste of money that the board has a fiduciary responsibility to use wisely.

Theresa Hinds – home visit presentation

Client #4, discussed at board meeting on May 20, 2024. Additional information provided at this meeting - InstaCart income = \$745.75. Total income = \$849.75 (includes \$26 child support). This is the issue of rent owed to Hopes Crossing where neither Hopes Crossing nor the client were aware of the money in arrears. Client recently completed nursing school and has been hired as an LP. Client's expenses are \$2,482.56, and is not behind in any other payments except the rent at \$2679.30. With an income of \$849.75, how is client paying the expenses?

Board decision - client must follow through with South Jersey Legal Services regarding the rent issue before SVdP can provide any assistance. No assistance at this point.

Financial payments at this meeting = \$788.68 (Feehan)

Gemma:

- met with Father Michael to discuss the garden expansion. He has a better understanding now but needs time to consider it further. On hold for now.

- Will continue to solicit more volunteers – vacations, illness, family issues are impacting number of members working – short staff in food pantry and helping hands. September will utilize the adult community magazines to thank communities and also try to entice more volunteers.
- June 28 general meeting will be a BBQ – work with Debbie to possibly have a one hour retreat instead of ministry reports to kick off our summer. Several possible retreat speakers were discussed.
- August general meeting date will be changed to August 23 (from August 31 which starts the Labor Day weekend).
- Consider Tuckerton Seaport get together trip for Tuesday, September 10. \$20 pp.

Debbie - Spiritual Director

Considering the last Sunday in September for re commitment to SVdP for all members. Would like to have it at the 10 am mass but not confirmed due to other commitments of the parish.

Gen – Helping Hands

June – will provide pails, shovels, chalk to children of our guests.

Will develop list of other organizations that give out clothes – that we can refer guests to if we can not accept the items. No more winter clothes – please.

Barbara – Fundraising Coordinator

Boscov's fundraiser coupons have been ordered.

Jazz concert fundraiser on hold.

Mary Schwarz – Food Pantry Coordinator

Volunteer short falls when members are out sick or on vacation.

May numbers – those served: 429 adults, 255 children, 684 individuals = 201 families.

Joe – Home Visit Coordinator

As of today – all is ok, have enough volunteers.

Kathy – Technology Coordinator

Updated web, volunteer hours form, home visit form – will continue to work with Joe and Michelle on home visit forms. Working with Linda P. on membership chart.

Magic Show in October – sent email to Lisa (CCD). Will be sending info to other schools in the area. Suggestions from Board – St. Joe's, St. Dominic's (Brick), St. Thomas Lutheran School (Brick), Ocean County Christian Academy (Toms River – Jill), CCD classes of other parishes-St. Justin, etc.

Meg – Garden Coordinator

WELCOME Meg!! So glad you are joining us. Per Meg – all good with garden as of today.

Jill – Secretary

Reviewed the number of members who are supporting each ministry. With approximately 102 active members (6-7 new members in process of completing FP and Virtus before becoming active) – we have 164 members serving through all ministries. That means many members are serving more than one ministry. Jill and Linda P. are working together to make sure all members are engaged in a ministry.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm with SVDP prayer – AMEN!

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bradley, Secretary