

Saint Vincent de Paul
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024

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

Welcome Paul Capelli – new board member!

Gemma, president: commenced meeting at 1 pm followed by SVdP prayer

Joe Damato: home visit presentations and follow up

Client #1, discussed at August 26 board meeting, board needed additional information to make a decision. Client has looked for job but has high standards of what client wants to do. Client is estranged from family but may be making amends for them to assist in time of need. Client may have a difficult time obtaining a job given standards and the fact that client talks too much. Court eviction case is coming up. **Board approved** payment of **two months back rent** (\$484.71 per month) = **\$969.42** to enable client to remain in the home and get client's act together. Client needs to address the high priced car, get cell bill down, and find a job.

Client #2, 65 yrs, single, lives in apartment off Massachusetts Ave. Gas was going to be shut off for non payment. Joe approved \$300, however, he was not aware of the total payment required = \$768. Client just obtained a job as social worker. Income = \$2904 (\$2000 job, \$904 #SS), expenses = \$2890, net = \$14. Board approved the additional payment of \$468 to avoid shut off.
Total gas payment approved by board = \$768.

Client #3 – September 3, 2024 email from Joe to the board members.

Client had been living in motel and now looking to move into house (Holiday City – Mule Rd.) with family, referred to St. Joe's as it is their territory. St. Joe's staff completed home visit and is confident client is capable of meeting all future financial obligations. Rent is \$2450, paid by family along with \$1000 towards security deposit. Client still owes \$2600. **St. Joe's requests \$1,000 in twining. Board approved** the \$1,000 request to be paid to the landlord.

Paul Capelli: home visit presentation follow up

Client #4, case discussed at August 26 board meeting. Board approved, at that time, up to \$1500 in **car repair**, and referred client to Craig and Lisa's Car Repair. Estimate from this repair shop was \$2184.75. Paul reviewed the bill and is comfortable that prices and needs are appropriate. The Capelli's paid the entire amount on their credit card and are willing to donate the additional dollars over the original board approval. Very generous of the Capelli's but no! Board **re approved amount** for the total of **\$2184.75 (an additional \$684.75).**

Financial payments approved at this meeting = \$3422.17 (Client #1= \$969.42, Client #2 = \$768, Client #3 = \$1000, Bless = an additional \$684.75)

Sharon Bianchi, treasurer

Weekly mass deposit = \$864.10

Total checking account with above deposit = \$24,794.87

Received bank charge of \$175.25 for order of deposit slips. Gemma and Sharon are going to TD Bank to dispute this charge. As a non-profit why are they charging for deposit slips?

Meg Otchy, garden coordinator

Meg to discuss with Matt MacCarrick dates to redo the garden beds.

The garden will finish up the end of September. Meg will have a total then on the pounds of food grown for 2024. String beans and peppers coming in. Hoses have been functioning but many holes in them so not watering evenly and sufficiently.

Mary Schwarz, food pantry coordinator

Cleaning lady starting tomorrow. First session will be an additional \$50 for initial cleaning.

Still need new members for the sub list. Matt Howell was supposed to come but is sick. He sent note to Gemma and Gemma will follow up with him.

Barbara Neary, fundraising coordinator and Kathy Minton, technology coordinator

Magic Show tickets will be sold after the masses this coming weekend. If needed, permission may be granted to sell after the following weekend masses. K. Muzzio will send out a flocknote to parishioners if more sales are needed.

We are not to sell Boscov SVdP fundraising coupons per K. Muzzio and Fr. Michael.

Tuckerton Seaport event is tomorrow. Hope all have an enjoyable day on the water!

Ben Russell

Discussed the possibility of developing a local SVdP brochure. Need to look into the need, potential benefits, costs, etc. Will table discussion for now. If move forward, Tom Spina, former board member, owns a printing company and may be able to assist.

Paul Capelli, furniture ministry coordinator

Vincent Legacy – buys new mattresses and bed frames for guests. Not taking any old mattresses.

Gen Yachnik, helping hands

As of now, helping hands is closed and no donations will be accepted. Currently there is no specific reopening date.

Jill Bradley, secretary - Amendments to the August 26 board meeting minutes

Gift to Fr. Michael was stated at \$350. Additional donor resulted in revision to \$400.

Financial payments made was incorrectly reported. Correct amount was \$3919.68.

Gemma:

Community Comfort and Fellowship Dinner is no longer a joint venture between parish and SVdP. Parish wants it to be solely a parish event.

Discussed meeting with Father Michael.

Cathy Engelhardt's home burnt down. Gemma will check with Cathy to see if Cathy approves of SVdP taking up a collection to assist her needs.

Adjourned meeting at 4 pm followed by SVdP prayer and prayer requests from board members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bradley, secretary