

St. Vincent de Paul Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2024

Present: *Gemma Brennan, Sharon Bianchi, Jill Bradley, Joe Damato, Kathy Minton, Barbara Neary, Meg Otchy, Ben Russell, Mary Schwarz, Debbie Weingroff, Gen Yachnik*
Absent: *none*

Gemma, president- commenced meeting at 1 pm followed by Debbie with SVdP prayer
-Introduction of Ben Russell, new board member. Welcome Ben!
-High School East student, Aaryan Nagaria, his mother would like him to have some involvement with SVdP. He has stem knowledge. Can assist with moving of items and boxes plus Kathy Minton has provided the student with some technology information.

Debbie, spiritual advisor - Johannah Palmieri from CONTACT's Reassurance Program will speak about the program at the September 27 general meeting. Program flyers have been posted in many of the adult communities. Jill has one going into the September monthly magazine to all Greenbriar Woodlands' residents.

Joe Damato. coordinator home visits – home visit presentations

Client, #1 – 42 years old, has four children (one is disabled - autism), lives at Hope Crossing, rent = \$1562. SVdP helped client in the past (rent): 2012 = \$1000, 2015 = \$2500. Current income = \$560 in SSDI for child and \$51 in child support. Client worked for Amazon, injured hand and was receiving \$1371.56 in WComp. That ended in May, as the company determined the client was able to return to work. Client didn't return claiming hand is still a problem. Client has not looked for other work nor obtained a doctor's note regarding disability.

Current income = \$611, expenses = \$3,301.31, net = neg \$2,690.31. Client is behind in most financial areas. Client is applying for food stamps. Board recommended contacting Family Resource services for the autistic child and Gemma to call Ocean Inc for other possible assistance. Client needs to start working and find a better job. There is no documentation as to why client can't work.

Board agreed to pay for the **car payments and car insurance** so client doesn't lose the car. Car insurance (\$197.77 – one month behind) and car payments (\$289 – two months behind). Joe will obtain bills to determine exact amount. Payment **approximately \$1000**.

Client, #2 - former client, disabled, has cancer, going in for surgery, lives at Friendly Village in dilapidated trailer. **Board approved** payment of **\$27.27 electric and \$372.69 gas = total of \$399.96**.

Gemma Brennan: home visit presentations

Client, #3, 32 years old, lives at Redeem-Her House, works at Target, 32-38 hours per week, trying to pick up more shifts and also has placed resume on Indeed. Client's sponsor has potential job working from home that pays more than client currently makes.

Has back problems because of car accident in 2016. Seeing a doctor four times per month at \$75 per visit. Client should obtain a second opinion on medical care as medicaid is not paying these bills. What type doctor is this and what is the doctor actually doing for the client?

Income = \$1,500, expenses = \$1510, net = \$10. Rent = \$640. Client's car needed repair and replacement of bald tires. Shop – Craig and Lisa's – will work with SVdP. Total for repair and tires = \$730. Client needs car to work. Client's dad is disabled and unable to assist financially. At times grandfather can provide some funds. **Board agreed** to pay the **car repair cost of \$730** plus the **rent in arrears of \$397**. That should enable client to get back on track and move forward. **Total approved payment = \$1127**.

Update: client, #4, home repairs done by Frank. Not done very well. Charlie Y and Gemma visited – room was destroyed, debris left all over. Charlie picked up all the debris and Gemma picked up the building supplies SVdP provided Frank. Thanked Frank for his service but no longer needed. Charlie found Handy Andy Program for house repairs. Will see if they can fix client's home. Other possibilities, Catholic Charities and Care Givers.

Jill Bradley, secretary

Status of membership – ministry membership update just sent to all board members and ministry coordinators. Please provide any corrections to Jill. Will update once a quarter or more often if needed. Headers will be fixed so they appear on all pages - thank you, Kathy Minton.

Approximately 12 new members over the past two months – already placed in food pantry, helping hands, toy committee, garden. Currently seven potential new members completing the necessary paperwork.

Helping Hands – provided all ministry coordinators and Kathleen Muzzio with the list of items/clothing that HH can not accept. Please share with staff.

June 24 board minutes have been approved, redacted and both general and redacted minutes sent to Kathy for web placement.

Ratification - Email board approvals – from Joe Damato

1. **Client #5** (Ramon Garcia's case) payment approved for car towing and storage fees = **\$1163.66**. Although car was parked legally, police thought it was abandoned and had it towed. Client needs car for work.
2. **Client #6** (Donna Scaltirto's case), hours cut at ShopRite, fell behind in rent but now back to normal hours. Approved **\$569 rent** payment.

Sharon Bianchi, treasurer

Donations from the weekend masses = \$923

Current balance (including donations) = \$29,627.28

Financial Payments approved at this meeting: approximately \$4259.62 (Client #1 = approx. \$1000, Client #2 = \$399.96, Client #3= \$1127, Client #5 = \$1163.66, Client #6= \$569

Kathy Minton, technology coordinator

October 11 Magic show fundraiser – flyers done. Will distribute to other churches, our CCD, parishioners, etc. Will look into the use of Venmo for ticket payments. Checked with SVdP USA – fundraising checks can be made out to SVdP – just keep accurate records.

Home visitors' forms, full packet competed (in conference room). Also, IRS W-9 letter to landlord and IRS W-9 form are available, when needed.

Online store still available. Advise Kathy of any additional items that should be added.

Nomination Committee update – has received Gemma's nomination forms.

Please include website on all emails and general meeting minutes.

!!!!!!! WEBSITE – svdpstluke.org !!!!!!

Barbara Neary, fundraising coordinator

Tuckerton Seaport – date extended into August for final payment for trip.

Bosco's information has been received. Date expected to be October 22, Barbara will verify.

Mary Schwarz, food pantry coordinator

Dianne Picotti will be out for several weeks, husband is ill. New member, Monica McMann will

cover the front desk.

Several new members coming on board having completed the basic SVdP requirements.
Overall – ministry is working well.

Gen Yachnik – helping hands

Members who are unable to make their shift are to try a sub then contact Gen, if unable to obtain one.

Helping Hands will be closed on Friday, July 12 given the circumstances going on in the church/parish.

June numbers – served 193 adults, 104 children, with 1,176 items for in-kind value of \$6,364.

Meg Otchy – garden coordinator

Thank you to Meg' nephew for making a donation in honor of “Aunt Meg!”

For compost – please do not have the food left in boxes – that will just cause them to spoil.

Still need help on irrigation – working with Charlie Y.

Gemma –

Community comfort and fellowship dinners - ninety guests were at the BBQ. Well received.

CCFD planning meeting will be on July 17. July dinner will be pot luck – no theme.

Thank you, Kathleen for article in the bulletin.

Wrote letter to Mary Serughetti's family. Sent info to PIP for Mary's remembrance card.

Fr. Michael – mentioned roof repair at masses and also visited Archie.

Archie's car being donated to Cathy from Redeem-Her House.

Collected /provided \$100 stipend to Fr. Al (mini retreat), \$41 Sunshine Club (Karen Rott), \$870 raffle tickets for Day Center (for the homeless).

Previous guest, Gabriella, moving out of Redeem-Her House, getting son back in two months and moving into an apartment. Helping Hands can assist with school clothes and Vincent Legacy to help with apartment furnishings.

Sue DeBella has volunteered to keep track of members volunteer hours.

Gemma picked up more SVdP donation enveloped for parish pews, tag holders, copier paper and ink and is attending Homeless Coalition meeting tonight.

Joe Damato – thank you for volunteering to run the board meetings in Gemma's absence.

Kathy Minton – thank you for taking the board minutes in Jill's absence.

Gemma- adjourned meeting at 3:30 pm followed by Debbie with SVdP prayer. Please also remember Paul Colburger, John Cavannaugh and Mary's son's birthday!

*Gemma, Jill, Debbie, and Gen will be toasting
all of you as we sip Vikingfjord, punsch, mead or akevitt!!*

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bradley, secretary