

## St. Vincent DePaul May Minutes

August 9, 2016

**Members Present:** Jean Krautsheid, Bob Puncochar, Diane Meeuwsen, Dennis Grund, Jerre and Kay Shipp, Donna and Dale Herinckx, Suzanne Spencer, Amanda McGraw, Bonnie Toffemire, Stan and Len Miller, Sue Ann Brown, Pat Phillips, Marion Margiotta, Greg Clemmons, Ron and Marlene Kunkel, Sue Orme, Doris Settel, Pam Coussens, Mary Apeland, Dave Eitland, Kathryn Reitz, Debbie Vuylsteke, Sandy Zajdel, Bill and Jean Jacobs, Ron and Rochelle McDonald, Carol Ann Blair, Gloria Figueroa, Jose Jaime, Vangie Sanchez, Hector Hinojosa, Pat Feetham

**Opening Prayer and Spiritual Reading:** Stan led the opening prayer. He helped us to reflect on the gospel regarding giving up our treasures and following Christ. We discussed how this gospel challenges all of us to reflect on what is truly important in our lives—be sure that what we “treasure” is reflected in what our heart tells us is important. We should focus on finding Christ in all we serve—our true treasure is Jesus and we must work toward being his faithful disciples.

**Introductions:** We welcomed Debbie Vuylsteke as our new financial analyst.

We changed our normal format to make time to introduce the two candidates for President of our Conference.

**Hector Hinojosa:** Hector gave us a brief history of his childhood--He attended catholic schools where they instructed him to always care for the poor. His later years were spent with his family in various migrant camps, finally coming to Oregon. His business experience includes working as a counselor in the school district, working in corporate America, working for farmworker rights, and serving often as a translator throughout our community. He has been active in Centro Cultural, Meals on Wheels, our Center and other organization helping with their diversity programs. His vision for our Society is to focus strongly on diversity—encouraging more Hispanic participation in our efforts. He feels we need better organizational structure particularly in the areas of training, fundraising and succession planning. He understands that we need younger members. He was asked how he would work with the homeless—he stated that we need to understand their lifestyles and needs and expand this ministry. When asked how he would accomplish diversity he referenced the SVDP training program. When asked how we would recruit more volunteers he stated that we needed to do one-on-one recruitment particularly of Hispanics and other minorities. He stated that his health could handle this job by putting structure into place that brings us “into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. Jose Jaime gave a statement in support of Hector’s candidacy.

**Sandy Zjadel:** Sandy gave her background—a strong parochial education along with several years as a nun in an order that concentrated on corporal and spiritual works of mercy. She continues to ask God to guide her to serve those around her in ways that He sees fit. She stated that it takes concentration to hear God’s voice and she encourages others to ask what God is calling them to do, then do it. She worked with Ray Hertel and said that he taught her that “service means listening—without hearing what people need or want to tell you we don’t give full service to the poor”. Sandy worked for a number of years on the front desk at the

Center and enjoyed talking to our clients and listening to their stories. She has been in pastoral ministry for over 30 years, taught religious education for over 40 years, and taught in the school for 6+ years. She is an active volunteer in the community, serving on boards including the Archdiocesan RENEW team. Her life experiences will enable her to organize projects, run meetings, and evaluate critical needs. Her vision for the Center is to emphasize that God loves all of us unconditionally so we must be non-judgmental and respectful of all we serve. She would encourage close ties with the parish, our school, other churches and community organizations. She is an excellent multi-tasker, and stated that she plans to balance the needs of the Society with her home life which includes her family, travel and golf. She would need help from all of us, and thinks we will be successful as long as we support each other and work as a team.

(Each candidate has completed a nomination form which includes their qualifications and vision; copies are available for review in the Center. Read them there and return them—they cannot leave the facility since they contain confidential information).

**July 2016 Reports: (these reports were compressed this month so we could hear from the candidates)**

**Treasurer:** Debbie Vulsteke handed out the financial report—nothing out of the ordinary.

**Food Center:** We passed our annual OFB inspection with an “Excellent” rating, thanks to all the volunteers who pay close attention to all the requirements.

**Furniture:** The barn is full, so we will have a parking lot sale on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Bill stated that we are in need of drivers—we will put an ad on the web-site and in the bulletin.

See table below for July statistics.

<b><u>Food</u></b>	<u>Families Served*</u> 596  Adults: 1557  Children: 1116  *does not include homeless	<u>Volunteer Hrs.</u> 1207  <u>Volunteer Miles.</u> 1963  <u>Veterans</u> 44 H.V. 20	<u>People Served</u> 2673 (excludes homeless) <u>New Families</u> 49  <u>Homeless</u> 668
<b><u>Furniture</u></b>	<u>Families Served</u>  11  10 beds  loaned hosp. equip. 1	<u>Value of Donations</u> \$1,115  <u>Value of Deliveries</u> \$2,890	<u>Volunteer Hours</u> 99  <u>Truck Miles</u> 449
<b><u>Rent and Utilities</u></b>	<u>Rent Asst.</u> 18	<u>Utilities</u> 23	<u>Value</u> \$4,911

**Vincentian Report:** Pat reminded all to pray for past and current Vincentians and all who work for social justice.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Coffee and Donuts:** Marion has a sign-up sheet in the Center for people to help at each Sunday Mass on September 25<sup>th</sup> (Note the date change). We will be serving after the evening mass on Sunday and need people to help clean up—please help.

**Backpack Program:** Sue stated that 50 packs were given out at the Migrant Camp in support of our parish mission. She has had good response from our volunteers and from parishioners for backpacks for our clients, and has signed up about 95 children. The homeschool students will meet at the end of the month to work on these. If you signed up to provide a backpack, have them to Sue by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Voter Eligibility:** Pat handed out a list of those eligible to vote. Eligibility is defined as anyone who was either registered as a Vincentian prior to April 2008, or who has attended Vincentian Formation Training and are considered Active. Other active volunteers are considered Associate Members. If you have any questions about this list, or feel we have left you off in error, see Pat. (This list is posted in the Center).

It was decided to accept absentee ballots from eligible members with previously planned activities that preclude them from attending the September meeting. See Pat for a ballot.

**For the Good of the Order:** Pat thanked the members of the President Search Committee for their tireless efforts—Debbie Lindorff, Dave Eitland, Carl and Sheila Segar and Greg Clemmons.

**Next meeting:** September 13 at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. All are invited—we will vote for our President, and discuss all the things that make our Center operate so well.