

## **Minutes**

### **Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Thomas Aquinas Conference**

#### **Meeting of June 6, 2021**

This meeting was our first in-person meeting since March, 2020. Thank you to Cindy Brown for hosting at the Boulevard Place Pantry and for a tour of the renovated facilities

Members present: Tom Quinn, Chris Countryman, Janice Klein, Bob White, Peggy Alderman, Cindy Brown, Tony Morreale

#### **1). Opening Prayer/Spiritual Reflection**

The meeting was opened with The Prayer of the Vincentian Family

#### **2). Presidents Announcements**

Tom distributed new guidance from the Indianapolis Council for home visits. Home visits are allowed if all are vaccinated, masks are worn and social distancing is maintained; meeting clients outdoors is also an option. Home visitors and neighbors in need should be fully comfortable with in-person visits before attempting them.

Many of our neighbors find themselves in need for the first time, but The Distribution Center, the 30<sup>th</sup> Street food pantry and Mission 27 Resale Shop on Shelby Street are all critically short of volunteers. An announcement will be posted in church bulletins for volunteers. Please consider volunteering if you are able.

#### **3). Treasurer's Report**

The beginning balance on May 1, 2021 was \$4,018.00

\$2,675.00 was received from STA donations in May

\$2,000.00 was distributed for client rent and utilities

The ending balance in our account June 1, 2021 is \$4,693.00

#### **4). Client Support Update and Discussion**

Janice reported on recent requests for rent and utility assistance. Despite some large requests for assistance, we agreed to stick with our policy of providing a maximum of \$400.00 per client request

#### **5). Other Reports**

Cindy reported on pantry renovation progress. A “grand re-opening” event will be held at the pantry on Friday August 6. It is hoped that inside shopping in the renovated pantry will be able to resume in late July or early August, but it is expected that the drive-up process will also be continued as an option

#### **6). Collection for Pantry**

Completed

#### **7). Intentions and Closing Prayer**

Completed

**Next Meeting: Thursday, July 8. We expect to resume our monthly meetings in the Bethany Room**