

Minutes

Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Thomas Aquinas Conference

Meeting of April 13, 2023

Members present: Tom Quinn, Peggy Alderman, Chris Countryman, Shannon Saul, Lou Saul, Matt Hays, Bob White, Sally Debono

1). Opening Prayer/Spiritual Reflection

The meeting was opened with a reading, "The Great Traveler", and prayer led by Peggy

2). Presidents Announcements

We distributed 43 Easter gift bags with Easter candy and \$50.00 grocery gift cards to elderly residents of Mt Zion apartments. Residents and staff were very appreciative of the gifts

After an increase in calls for utility and rent assistance in February, we received fewer calls for assistance in March. Requests for home visits and warehouse assistance are also down

3). Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance in the SVdP account on March 1 was \$10,221.68

\$1,928.65 was received from STA collections

\$2,650.00 was used for the purchase of grocery gift cards for Easter holiday bags

\$1,500.00 was distributed for electric payments

\$500.00 was distributed for gas payments

\$1.95 was used for debit card fee

Total expenses for February was \$4,651.95.

The ending balance in the SVdP account as of April 1 was \$7,498.38

Members present agreed to additional payments of \$500.00 to the Cathedral Soup Kitchen and \$500.00 to our twinning parish in the Dominican Republic. Peggy will investigate the possibility of providing financial assistance for a program that supplies toys and other items to the children of incarcerated women in a local prison

4). Client Support Update and Discussion

There are currently 2 outstanding requests for assistance. A total of 6 clients received financial assistance in March

5). Other Reports

Matt reported that during the first 3 months of this year, Boulevard Place Pantry has served an average of 1,227 households per month, representing 3,872 individuals. Bulletin announcements will be each month made requesting donations of specific items needed at the pantry

6). Closing prayer, intentions and collection

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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 4 in the Bethany Room.