

Minutes

Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Thomas Aquinas Conference

Meeting of March 9, 2023

Members present: Tom Quinn, Peggy Alderman, Chris Countryman, Leah Turner, Cindy Brown, Cathy Bickel, Shannon Saul, Lou Saul, Tom Kelly, Matt Hays

1). Opening Prayer/Spiritual Reflection

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Peggy

2). Presidents Announcements

Welcome to new Vincentians Cathy Bickel, and Shannon and Lou Saul

After discussion of the annual Easter food baskets, members agreed to provide a gift bag with food items from the Boulevard Place Pantry and \$50.00 gift cards to residents of the Mt Zion senior apartments. (We provided gift baskets to residents at Easter last year). A suggestion was made to provide Meijer gift cards rather than a grocery gift card so that recipients can purchase a wider variety of items to meet their needs. The bags will be distributed to Mt Zion in early April

The annual SVdP Indianapolis Council "Love Your Neighbor" 5K walk/run will be held on Saturday April 29 at 9 a.m. at White River State Park. An announcement is attached and registration is available on the Council's website, SVdPIndy.org.

3). Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance in the SVdP account on February 1 was \$19,007.96

\$546.57 was received from an individual donation in February

\$2,000.00 was distributed for rent payments

\$572.91 was distributed for electric payments

\$713.37 was distributed for gas payments

\$6,000.00 was distributed to the St Andrews SVdP conference to assist their clients

Total expenses for February was \$9,286.28.

The ending balance in the SVdP account as of March 1 was \$9,721.68

4). Client Support Update and Discussion

There are currently 2 outstanding requests for assistance, both for electric bills. A total of 7 clients were assisted in February (4 rent payments, 3 utility payments)

5). Other Reports

Matt Hays will become the new director of the Boulevard Place Pantry on April 1. Thank you to Cindy Brown for her 7 years of dedicated service as the pantry director. The pantry is. Now serving an average of 1,100 families a month

6). Closing prayer, intentions and collection

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Next Meeting: Thursday, April 6 in the Bethany Room.