

Minutes

Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Thomas Aquinas Conference

Meeting of June 1, 2023

Members present: Tom Quinn, Tom Kelly, Cathy Bickel, Chris Countryman, Matt Hays, Shannon Saul, Lou Saul, Bob White

1). Opening Prayer/Spiritual Reflection

The meeting began with the Opening Prayer for society meetings

2). Presidents Announcements

The Indianapolis Council plans to hold a dedication and open house for the new "Love Your Neighbor" center in Beech Grove on Sunday, June 4. All members of the society have been invited to attend

Each conference will be required to complete a SVdP "Standards of Excellence" form. Distribution of the forms is pending

Our STA conference is in need of a secretary to record and distribute minutes from the monthly meetings. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in fulfilling this position, please contact Tom

3). Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance in the SVdP account on May 1 was \$6,646.27

\$4,360.65 was received from STA parishioner contributions

\$500.00 was distributed for a rent payment

\$533.95 was distributed for electric payments

\$374.49 was distributed for the purchase of a refrigerator

\$1,800.00 was distributed to the Cathedral Soup Kitchen. This payment included the remainder of our annual contribution to the soup kitchen for 2023, and an additional \$500.00 contribution that was agreed to by members at the May meeting

\$1,100.00 was distributed to our Twinning Parish in the Dominican Republic. This payment included the remainder of our annual contribution for 2-023, and an additional \$500.00 contribution that was agreed to by members at the May meeting

Total expenses for May was \$4,308.44

The ending balance in the SVdP account as of June 1 was \$6,698.48

4). Client Support Update and Discussion

There continue to be few new requests for rent, utility or warehouse assistance. One outstanding request is being researched

Due to the relatively low number of requests from within our parish boundaries, members discussed other opportunities to provide assistance for those in need. The St Andrew's SVdP conference continues to receive a huge number of requests for assistance that they are not able to fulfill. Members voted to contribute \$3,000.00 from our account to St Andrews. Sally Debono had provided information regarding Annunciation House in El Paso, TX, which provides support and assistance to migrants at the border. Members agreed to provide \$3,000.00 to Annunciation House to support their mission

5). Other Reports

Matt reported that the Boulevard Place Pantry continues to serve a steady or slightly growing number of clients this year. A nutritionist from the Indiana Health Department has begun to provide food preparation demonstrations and recipes each week

6). Closing prayer, intentions and collection

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