

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2016

Joyce opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and welcomed current and new members.

Diane Meleshkewich lead us in a spiritual reading Matthew 4 and the Our Father.

In attendance were: Michelle Bowe, Sharon Brilla, Carol Broadwell, Mary Carolan, Jerry & Nayad Castaldo, Nubia Condon, Eileen Daly, Jo Ann DiSalvo, Gladys Keating, Jessica McMahon, Diane Meleshkewich, Mary Merenda, Jim Mullen, Tom O’Mara, Joyce Pfirman, Christine Pompa, Michelle Romano, Bob Silveri, Susan Sinclair, Betsy Thompson, Jeanne Tobin, Ricky Pierorazio, Anne & Joe Schiavone, Robert Kavanaugh, Chris Hobson, Jennifer Gifford, Johann Lettieri, Charlene Albanese, Tim & Camille Lithgow and Ellen & Pat Kiernan.

Sophia Sciacca and Jessica Baade with **Catholic Charities** gave a presentation and gave out handouts describing the free services, including help to apply for SNAP.

Introduction of new people – Christine Pompa - Ellen and Pat Kieran

The minutes of the January meeting were read by Jo Ann DiSalvo. Approved by Bob Sileri and seconded by Tom O’Mara.

President’s Report: HPNAP Report (Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program) **for January 2016:**

	<u>Jan 2016</u>	<u>Jan 2015</u>	<u>Dec 2015</u>
Households	93	105	95
Children	92	116	94
Adults (18-64)	160	175	164
Elderly (65+)	29	32	30
Total People	281	323	288

Change

January 2016 represents a 12 household decrease over January 2015, and a 2 household decrease over December 2015.

<u>Food Bank Run</u>	<u>Gross Weight</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Our Cost</u>
Feb 10, 2016	3,801	\$3,249.44	*See Below	\$1,352.23

*We received a \$457 rebate from the Regional Food Bank of New York to be used for donated or salvage product. We also received a \$1000 “Wakefern” Partners in Caring grant from Shop Rite Fishkill, on our account at the Regional Food Bank of NENY. Both of these grants were applied to the February order. We also received an additional \$800 grant from HPNAP.

Driving to the Food Bank were: Bill Keaveney and Jim Mullen. On hand to put the food away were: Bill Keaveney, Jim Mullen, Betty Riggio, John Lucid, Tom O’Mara, Jim Gillen, Joyce Pfirman, Rich Brilla, Richarad Hefferman, Betsy Thompson, Bob Silveri, Robert Kavanaugh, Jon Pon, Vinny Morlattos

Treasurer’s Report – Jessica gave the December 2015 report

We received a \$500 check from the Riverbank Banjo Band for the purchase of coats. We received a check for \$1,761 from the Altar Rosary Society. Souper Bowl collection was held last weekend at St. Denis, \$3,700 was collected.

Easter Baskets – Please call your clients and let Linda know which clients need baskets **by February 24th. (Christine will email all members with a reminder).** Basket day is March 20th. We will send around a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Birthday Bags – Una Moore, Girl Scout and Brownie leader of Troops 10162 and 10021 have donated 8 “Birthday Bags” for children ages 5 – 11. We are aligning clients who have children with upcoming birthdays to donate them to. A birthday bag consists of a cake mix, frosting, candles and a gift.

Other topics from members - Jim Mullen informed members that there will be a Food Safety & Handling course at the Solid Rock Church of God in New Windsor on February 25th from 9 - 12 pm. Members should call Joyce if they are interested in attending.

Jo Ann DiSalvo informed members that Boy Scout Troop 40 will be holding their annual Scouting for Food and the food drop off will be on Saturday, March 19th from 10 - 12 pm. Please try to schedule clients before or after this time.

New member orientation will be held after the meeting tonight. Member cards are available for any new member who has not received one.

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2016 at 7pm in classroom 15.

Joyce closed the meeting at 8 pm.

Diane Meleshkewich lead us in prayer.

Submitted by: Jo Ann DiSalvo