

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Meeting Minutes**

**April 13, 2016**

Joyce opened the meeting at 7:02 pm with an opening prayer: Matthew 18:20 & the Our Father.

In attendance were: Sharon Brilla, Joanne and Chuck Bunnell, Mary Carolan, Nubia Condon, Jo Ann DiSalvo, Chris Hobson, Linda Hunt, Robert Kavanaugh, Gladys Keating, Mike and Jeanna Martinelli, Mary Merenda, Tom O'Mara, Joyce Pfirman, Nerina Pirrelli, Christine and Marion Pompa, Anne and Joe Schiavone, Bob Silveri, Susan Sinclair, Elizabeth Testa, Betsy Thompson and Jeanne Tobin.

Jeanne Tobin read the minutes from the March meeting. Mary Merenda approved and Elizabeth Joyce seconded.

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

	<u>Mar 2016</u>	<u>Mar 2015</u>	<u>Feb 2016</u>
<b>Households</b>	<b>72</b>	102	93
Children	62	104	90
Adults (18-64)	142	199	168
Elderly (65+)	17	28	28
<b>Total People</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>286</b>

Change

March 2016 represents a 30 household decrease over March 2015, and a 21 household decrease over Feb 2016.

<u>Food Bank Run</u>	<u>Gross Weight</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Our Cost</u>
April 13, 2016	5,239 lbs.	\$ 3,409.07	\$145.82	\$3,263.25

Driving to the foodbank were: Chuck Bunnell and Tom O'Mara. On hand to put the food away were: Chuck Bunnell, Jon Pon, Tom O'Mara, Joyce Pfirman, Rich Brilla, John Lucid, Richard Hefferman, Bob Silveri, Betsy Thompson, Rob Kavanaugh and Laura Ryan.

Joyce applied for 3 grants with the Regional Food Bank of New York: 1) HPNAP food grant, 2) Operations Support – Transportation, 3) Operations Support – Utilities (Electricity) A new electric meter was installed for the pantry. We will start paying the electric bill which is based on our actual usage.

**Treasurer's Report** – Joyce presented the month of February 2016 - Carol and Jessica were unable to make the meeting tonight.

**Easter Baskets** – We distributed 140 baskets on March 20th. Thanks to all who helped that day. Linda thanked everyone who helped out. Clothes were distributed from the midnight run. Thank you notes went into the parish bulletins.

Easter Chocolate was donated by Sara Dobbins and 60 volunteers from the Sons of Italy Joe DiMaggio Lodge #2248, the Wappingers Elks #2609 and Home Bureau Axminsters. They had over 21 get togethers, about 170 hours to make over 1000 lollipops and 750 chocolate covered pretzels to keep in mind the 183 children being fed from our food pantry.

**Trustee** – We need volunteers to fill the seat of Bob Silveri who agreed to be trustee for 1 year. Anyone interested please let Joyce know. We will vote at the May meeting.

**New Clients needing members assigned** – Christine Pompa - Six new clients this month. See Christine after the meeting.

**Federal Change to SNAP Benefits:** Starting April 1, Dutchess County will no longer qualify for the waiver of time limit rules for some adults (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents). This means for individuals 18 – 49 who are able to work, with no dependents under 18 in the household, they can only receive SNAP for 3 months, unless they demonstrate they are participating in specific work requirements. Earliest loss of benefits is May 1.

**ShopRite Partners in Caring** – Joyce brought in the photo/article that ran in the Southern Dutchess News on March 16th with Rosemarie Khuns photo on the special Cheerios box.

**Food Bank of the Hudson Valley Annual Dinner** – Dinner will be held on May 12, 5:30 pm. It will be held at the Salisbury Mills Fire Dept. 4 people can attend. RSVP by May 6th. Let Joyce know if you are interested.

**Other topics:** There will be a Mass for Sr. Maribel on Monday, May 18th at 6 pm at St. Denis.

New Member orientation will take place tonight.

The next meeting is May 11, 2016 at 7pm in classroom 15.

Joyce closed the meeting at 7:40 pm with a the Hail Mary.

Submitted by: Jo Ann DiSalvo