

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2016

Joyce Pfirman opened the meeting at 7:02 pm with the Our Father.

In attendance were: Charlene Albanese, Joanne Bunnell, Mary Carolan, Nayad and Jerry Castaldo, Jo Ann DiSalvo, Heidi Havens, Chris Hobson, Linda Hunt, Elizabeth Joyce, Robert Kavanaugh, Gladys Keating, Johann Lettieri, Mary Merenda, Tom O'Mara, Joyce Pfirman, Nerina Pirrelli, Ed and Diane Ryan, Bob Silveri, Elizabeth and Warren Testa, Betsy Thompson and Jeanne Tobin.

Introduction of new people – Linda Hunt - No new members tonight.

Jo Ann DiSalvo read the minutes from April. They were approved by Linda Hunt and seconded by Jeanne Tobin.

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

	<u>Apr 2016</u>	<u>Apr 2015</u>	<u>Mar 2016</u>
Households	83	89	72
Children	66	79	62
Adults (18-64)	143	156	142
Elderly (65+)	25	24	17
Total People	234	259	221

Change

April 2016 represents a 6 household decrease over April 2015, and a 13 household increase over March 2016.

<u>Food Bank Run</u>	<u>Gross Weight</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Our Cost</u>
May 11, 2016	4758 lbs.	\$3,564.00	\$114.41	\$3449.59
		(Grant for donated or salvage items)		

Driving to the foodbank were: Chuck Bunnell and Bill Keaveney. On hand to put the food away were: John Lucid, Betty Riggio, Joyce Pfirman, Chuck Bunnell, Jon Pon, Bill

Keaveney, Tom O'Mara, Richard Hefferman, Betsy Thompson, Jim Gillen, Bob Silveri, Jim Mullen, Laura Ryan, Joe Fulton, Bob Kavanaugh.

Please give out apples, matzos and cookies, which we have in large quantities.

Treasurer's Report – March 2016 - Joyce presented.

Central Hudson Billing Change – Switch from bi-monthly to monthly starting July 2016. Brochures will be in the pantry. Any clients having problems paying their electric bill should get on the budget plan with Central Hudson. There is information in the brown binder.

Emergency Funding Available for Clients – Members should be aware that for living based emergency needs (fuel, rent, utilities - not cars) we have emergency funds available to help clients in critical situations. Our practice is to help once/year if needed. Joyce confers with Carole Grafer on the situation, who reviews when we may have helped the client in the past. Please contact Joyce if your client has an emergency need.

Vote for New Trustee – Bob Kavanaugh has volunteered to take on the role of trustee for 2 years. Bob has been an active member. By a show of hands, Bob was unanimously voted in for the position starting in June 2016.

Other topics from members: Please remember to record your client's visit on the clipboard hanging in the pantry. If you forget, please go back to the pantry and complete the information. Joyce will write something up and ask Christine to email the members regarding this issue.

There was discussion about giving the clients more food since there are less households being served. We can be more generous with the canned items (soup, vegetables, beans) pasta, tomato sauce. We should still only meet with clients once a month.

Linda Hunt will talk about school supplies at the next meeting.

Jeanne Tobin will evaluate stores in the area for the gift cards for the Christmas baskets. She will check the St. Denis / St. Columba website for the list of gift cards that the school sells.

June 12th is the St. Columba Parish Picnic. Anyone who would like to set up or clean up, the help is appreciated.

Information on food expiration dates is in the pantry. Joyce will copy this information and post on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2016 at 7pm in classroom 15. It will be a short meeting followed by our year end social. This will be our last meeting before the summer break. We do not meet in July or August.

Joyce closed the meeting at 7:43 pm. Deacon Testa led us in prayer of Hail Mary.

Submitted by: Jo Ann DiSalvo