

St. Vincent de Paul
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015

Joyce opened the meeting at 7:04 pm with a reflection from James 2:26. Keep Tom O'Mara, Linda Hunt & Diane Meleshkewich in your prayers.

In attendance were: Frances Bova, Carol Broadwell, Mary Carolan, Jerry & Nayad Castaldo, Jo Ann DiSalvo, Marie Emig, Jim Gillen, Gladys Keating, Donna Labbate, Jessica McMahon, Mary Merenda, Peggy Minelli, Jim Mullen, Joyce Pfirman, Nerina Pirrelli, Christine Pompa, Ed & Diane Ryan, Bob Silveri, Susan Sinclair, Betsy Thompson, & Donna Yoanidis.

No new members in attendance.

The minutes of the April meeting were read by Jo Ann DiSalvo - approved by Mary Merenda, seconded Jeanne Tobin.

More pantry door keys have been made. As new clients join Linda will give keys out.

President's Report: HPNAP Report (Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program)

	<u>April 2015</u>	<u>April 2014</u>	<u>March 2015</u>
Households	89	104	102
Children	79	113	104
Adults (18-64)	156	183	199
Elderly (65+)	24	31	28
Total People	259	327	331

Change

This represents a decrease of 15 households over April 2014, and a decrease of 13 households served over March 2015.

<u>Food Bank Run</u>	<u>Gross Weight</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>
May 13, 2015	4,788 lbs.	\$4,718.63	Produce \$262.08

Food Bank \$1,900

Our Cost: \$2,556.55

Driving to the foodbank to pick up the food were: Jim Mullen and Chuck Bunnell.
On hand to put the food away were: Chuck Bunnell, Jim Mullen, Joyce Pfirman, Richard Heffernan, Bob Silveri, John Lucid Ray Reilly, Jim Gillen, Tom O'Mara & Jon Pon.

Treasurer's Report – March 2015 report covered by Joyce Pfirman.

We do not yet know how much was collected at St. Kateri's second collection.

We received a letter from the Regional Food Bank of New York with an additional \$1,900 grant placed on our account.

Joyce Pfirman attended an East Fishkill Rotary Luncheon on May 7th and accepted a \$500 donation. A thank you note has been sent. Joyce met Patty Peck.

Election of Officers – Mary Merenda - All candidates were 100% unanimously elected.

St. Denis Ministry Fair – Tom O'Mara couldn't be here. Jon Pon gave an overview. Ministry Fair was successful. Seven new members signed up. Parishoners went around to each table & were given a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the raffle baskets.

Food Safety Class April 17th – Jon Pon & Sharon Brilla attended. In this class, participants learned about shelf life. An overview of the food bank system was given. There are 200 food banks in the US & 23 in other countries. Donated & salvaged food cost .16 per pound. A suggestion was made that the certificates of those who attend this class should be kept on file so we can keep track who is certified. Jon & Sharon will send a copy of their certificates to the SVDP email address. Within the monthly newsletter from the Regional Food Bank of New York, they provided safe internal cooking temperatures for meat. A copy has been placed in the binder in the pantry.

St. Columba Parish Picnic June 14th – Volunteers are needed. Christine attended a meeting. Linda Hunt is co-chair of the clean up committee. She is looking for volunteers. All parish parishioners are invited. Mass will be said outside at 12 noon. If attending, you should bring a dish to share. Linda is looking to get Boy Scouts to help out. The picnic is rain or shine.

Intake Recertification Form – As of May 12th, 41 forms have been completed. We are about 1/3 of the way complete. Members are reminded to complete the certifications by June 2015. Copies do not need to be attached to their form. Member just needs to see forms. At the June meeting the Committee will decide on next steps.

Photo from St. Vincent de Paul Church in Parish – Joyce took a beautiful photo while in Paris. She would like to place in the pantry.

Other Topics - Christine would like to recognize Nayad on the outstanding job on the website. Great job!

Joyce will be sending photos from the St. Denis Ministry Fair for the website.

Carol Maiello will be stepping down as Corresponding Secretary. Joyce has recognized her great work.

Bagels are being thrown out. Are there too many in a bag? Smaller amounts in bags? More in the freezer. Clients can take the bagels to feed deer or animals.

Any fresh fruits & veggies need to be given out immediately.

Fr. Michael came to say hello. Ministry of Care is starting up. This ministry will be preparing meals & making friendly visits. Phone number will be in bulletin for people to call. Fr. Michael thanked everyone for their efforts.

Next meeting is June 10th at 7pm. We will have a short meeting followed by a social. Everyone is invited to bring a treat to share.

Joyce closed the meeting at 7:55 pm with the Our Father.

Submitted by: Jo Ann DiSalvo