

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2016

Joyce opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and welcomed current and new members.

Diane Meleshkewich lead us in prayer Colossians 3:12-14. Prayer was for Brian McMahon, brother of Jessica. A mass is being offered at St. Columba on Tuesday June 28th from the members of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

In attendance were: Sharon Brilla, Mary Carolan, Jerry and Nayad Castaldo, Stephanie Jakob, Tricia Jecmen, Gladys Keating, Diane Meleschkewich, Tom O'Mara, Joyce Pfirman, Nerina Pirrelli, Christine and Marian Pompa, Betsy Thompson, Jeanne Tobin, Anne and Joe Schiavone, Robert Kavanaugh, Heidi Havens, Chris Hobson, Johann Lettieri, Charlene Albanese, Tim and Camille Lithgow and Frank Serrano.

Dave Weaving, a guest speaker from the Ca\$h Coalition, spoke about tax preparation services available for our clients. Dave gave members flyers to help spread the word out about the free tax preparation. Clients need to call 2-1-1.

Christine Pompa introduced new members: Camielle and Tim Lithgow and Frank Serrano.

The minutes of the December meeting were ready by Jeanne Tobin. Approved by Elizabeth Testa and seconded by Diane Meleschkewich.

President's Report: HPNAP Report (Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program) for December 2015:

	<u>Dec 2015</u>	<u>Dec 2014</u>	<u>Nov 2015</u>
Households	95	99	95
Children	94	132	98
Adults (18-64)	164	175	171
Elderly (65+)	30	20	27
Total People	288	327	296

Change

December 2015 represents a 39 household decrease over December 2014, and an 8 household increase over November 2015.

For the full year 2015, we served **1106 total households**, or an average of **92 households per month**. We served 3405 people, for an average of 284 people per month, which breaks out as 93 children, 160 adults, and 30 elderly.

For the Christmas holiday, we provided **145 baskets** to families.

<u>Food Bank Run</u>	<u>Gross Weight</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Our Cost</u>
Jan 13, 2016	3,195	\$2,438.13	\$29.12 Produce \$300 United Way	\$2,109.01

We received an additional \$300 grant in December 2015 from the United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region, which was used against our January purchase.

Driving to the foodbank were: Bill Keaveney and Tom O'Mara. On hand to put the food away were: Tom O'Mara, Bill Keaveny, Richard Heffernan, John Lucid, Bob Silveri, Bob Kavanaugh, Betty Riggio, Joyce Pfirman, Betsy Thmpson, Jim Gillen, Jon Pon, Rich Brilla, Joe Fulton.

Treasurer's Report – Joyce gave the November 2015 report.

We received many generous donations during the holiday period. One family contributed \$700 in lieu of exchanging gifts. Joyce read and circulated cards/notes of thanks from parishioners.

In 2015, we spent \$5,000 on the Christmas gift cards from Burlington. We received to date \$6,570 in donations, which will go toward the 2016 purchase at the end of this year. There was a discussion regarding the decline in quality of items at Burlington. We may consider Kohl's as a possibility for the 2016 gift cards. We will also discuss an increase in the dollar amount for the gift cards at a later meeting.

New Clients needing member reps – Christine Pompa gave an update. We have 189 active clients with 11 basket only clients. We had 9 new families as of December 15th. 4 families are in need of a member. Christine was able to assign all 4 families after the close of the meeting. Christine also passed around the member list for any updates.

Additional shirt order to be placed with Embroidery Designs - Joyce announced that she would be placing an additional order for any members who wanted a shirt.

Turkeys and hams in Freezer available for large families. Please give these out. Please note that any meat that is received from grocery stores is frozen on or prior to the due date.

Feed our Neighbors Program - This program runs from January 24th - 31st. We will be receiving any food that is collected in the three parishes from this program.

Other topics from members -

St. Denis will once again be collecting donations on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 6th and 7th.

Joyce closed the meeting at 7:42 pm and Diane Meleschkewich lead us in the closing prayer, Canticle of Mary.

The next meeting will be held on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7pm in classroom 15.

Submitted by: Jo Ann DiSalvo