

St. Vincent de Paul
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015

Joyce opened the meeting at 7:05 pm & Diane Meleschkewich led the opening prayer -- Walk with Me: Daily Prayer Journey.

In attendance were: Jim Mullen, Donna Fritz-Long, Linda Hunt, Nerina Pirrelli, Mary Carolan, Nayad & Jerry Castaldo, Christine Pompa, Tricia Jecmen, Betsy Thompson, Thomas & Terri Capozzi, Rosanne Desjardins, Bob Silveri, Sheila Burke, Jeanne Tobin, Mary Merenda, Jessica McMahon, Susan Sinclair, Diane Meleshkewich, Nubia Cordon, Joyce Pfirman, Carole Grafer & Jo Ann DiSalvo.

Introductions of new & current members.

The minutes of the December meeting were read by Mary Merenda - Approved by Donna Fritz-Long, seconded by Jeanne Tobin.

Joyce will be holding a new member orientation after the meeting tonight.

New member cards will be given out.

Dave Weaving from the AARP Foundation spoke to the members regarding free income tax preparation. There are some limitations - no businesses. Last year there were 6700 returns prepared through this free service. There are approximately 75 volunteers. These volunteer counselors go through training & are certified through the IRS. Accuracy rate is very high. Flyer & handouts will be in the pantry for members to tell clients.

President's Report

	<u>Dec 2014</u>	<u>Dec 2013</u>	<u>Nov 2014</u>
Households	99	97	107
Children	132	102	120
Adults (18-64)	175	182	188
Elderly (65+)	20	29	29
Total People	327	313	337

Change

This represents an increase of 2 households over December 2013, and an 8 household decrease over November 2014.

<u>Food Bank Runs</u>	<u>Gross Weight</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Our Cost</u>
			Produce	
January 14,2015	4,336 lbs.	\$3,219.18	\$31.36	\$3,187.82

Driving to the foodbank to pick up the food were: Bill Keaveney & Jim Mullen. On hand to put the food away were: Bill Keaveney, Jim Mullen, Ray Reilly, John Ligid, Richard Hefferman, Jim Gillen, Bob Silveri, Rich Brilla, JOe Fulton, Betsy Thompson, Nubia Condon, & Tricia Jecmen.

Treasurer's Report:

Carole Grafer presented the Treasurer's report. Although expenses were greater than income for the month of November, we are solvent, and received strong donations in December which will be reported next month.

Stop & Shop sent a check for \$886. A thank you note was sent locally.

Carol Grafer is the only person who has signing privileges other than Fr. Michael on the SVDP checking account. A vote was taken to add Joyce Pfirman to the account.

Donations & Christmas Cards

Christmas cards were circulated that were received with donations.

A \$370 donation from the State Police was received. Anyone who has Nancy Guarino's new email please let Joyce know.

A \$500 donation from the Riverbank Banjo Band was also received.

An individual from the parish donated \$100 for coats for next year.

Joe Licitra, a Stella Dora & Hostess Cakes representative, is donating products that haven't yet expired, but will be soon. Joe calls Jim Mullen & Jim goes to Joe's house & takes what he thinks we can use in the pantry..

The cakes & donuts that are in the refrigerator should be given out quickly.

Coupons for butterball turkeys don't have to be used to purchase turkey. These coupons can be used for any food.

Christmas Basket Summary

Linda gave a recap on Christmas baskets. 147 baskets were given out. Orientation for people who are checking baskets should be held prior to basket distribution day.

Interim positions for this year

A show of hands for each person was taken. All voted in favor for the Vice President, Trustee and Assistant Treasurer.

Vice President: Christine Pompa

Christine will also oversee communications, website & thank you notes.

Trustee: Jim Mullen

Jim has also taken on the role of Pantry Manger

Asst. Treasurer: Jessica McMahon

Jessica holds a Masters in accounting from Mt. St. Mary.

She currently works at Sedor & Company

Asst. Recording Secretary: Still Needed

We will be voting in May for positions.

There are still two positions open -Trustee & Recording Secretary.

The Trustee role is a newly formed position. This position is part of the Executive Committee.

Other topics:

St. Denis will once again be collecting money during Super Bowl weekend, January 31st & February 1st. Students from the Youth Group will be at the exits of the church with soup pots to collect the money.

A trundle bed with two single mattresses is available through a member of the St. Joseph's men's group. If anyone has a client who could use this bed, please contact Joyce.

The clients that have received the bunk beds from the men's group are very happy. A thank you note has been sent to the men's group.

There was an article in the Poughkeepsie Journal from January 2015. Walter Joseph, Executive Director of Children's Home mentioned St. Vincent de Paul.

Jim Mullen brought up the topic of client reviews needing to be done. This process hasn't been done in 3 or 4 years. New Member Registration Form needs to be revised. Anyone interested in helping with either, please contact Joyce.

Next meeting will be held on February 11th at 7 pm.

Joyce closed the meeting at 8:05 pm & Diane led us in the closing prayer - Our Father & Hail Mary.

Submitted by: Jo Ann DiSalvo