

St. Vincent de Paul
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2015

Joyce opened the meeting at 7:02 pm & led the opening prayer -- Romans 5:3-5 Joyce asked that we keep Diane's granddaughter in our prayers.

In attendance were: Frances Bova, Sharon Brilla, Joanne & Chuck Bunnell, Mary Carolan, Jerry & Nayad Castaldo, Nubia Condon, Jo Ann DiSalvo, Carol Grafer, Linda Hunt, Stephanie Jakob, Tricia Jecmen, Mary Merenda, Jim Mullen, Tom O'Mara, Joyce Pfirmman, Nerina Pirrelli, Christine Pompa, Bob Silveri, Susan Sinclair, Elizabeth Testa, Betsy Thompson, Jeanne Tobin, Jon Pon, Helen Battaglini.

No new members in attendance.

The minutes of the March meeting were read by Jo Ann DiSalvo - Approved by Christine Pompa, seconded by Tom O'Mara.

Kristine Cahill from Legal Services of the Hudson Valley gave an overview of the services that could be provided pro bono to our clients. They provide legal counsel on a variety of topics including evictions/foreclosures, domestic violence, child support and family law issues. The information was very well received. Brochures will be added to the brown binder in the pantry to share with clients as needed.

President's Report

	<u>March 2015</u>	<u>March 2014</u>	<u>Feb 2014</u>
Households	102	133	92
Children	104	116	102
Adults (18-64)	199	238	160
Elderly (65+)	28	46	32
Total People	331	400	294

Change

This represents a decrease of 31 households over March 2014, and an increase of 37 households served over February 2015.

<u>Food Bank Run</u>	<u>Gross Weight</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Grants</u>
April 8, 2015	3,742 lbs.	\$2,579.49	Produce: \$98.56

Our Cost: \$2,554.21

Driving to the foodbank to pick up the food were: Jim Mullen & Chuck Bunnell. On hand to put the food away were: Jim Mullen, Chuck Bunnell, Richard Heffernam, Joyce Pfirman, John Lucid, Bob Silveri, Bill Keaveney, Jon Pon, Jim Gillen, Tom O'Mara, Rich Brilla, Laura Ryan.

Treasurer's Report:

February 2015 report from Carole Grafer.

The 2015/2016 HPNAP Grant form was submitted on March 23, 2015 by Joyce Pfirman.

Recap on Easter Baskets:

The distribution of baskets went very well. Only 2 clients did not show up to pick up their baskets. 143 baskets were distributed. Linda thanks everyone for such a great job! A thank you note to bulletins has been submitted.

Nominating Committee:

At the April meeting the nominating committee presented the candidates. Mary Merenda asked candidates if they are willing to accept positions. All candidates have accepted nomination to the positions. We will vote at the May meeting.

St. Denis Parish Ministry Fair:

Tom O'Mara will lead our table. Jon Pon is attending the meeting tonight at St. Denis. Pictures have been sent to Linda Delia from the St. Columba ministry fair. Brochures & magnets will be handed out.

Second Collection at St. Kateri:

The second collection will be held on April 18 & 19. A notice will be in the St. Kaeri bulletin on April 11 & 12. Msgr. O'Connor was asked to say a few words about St. Vincent de Paul after all masses the weekend of April 11 & 12.

Intake Recertification Form:

An email was sent to all members on March 18th to begin the recertification process. The forms & key messages are set up in the pantry. Only 12 forms have been received to date. Please work with your clients to complete the forms by June.

Positive feedback on website:

Fr. Michael has commented "Your new site is just superb! Congratulations! SVDP is a blessing to all of us!! Other food pantry information is on the website.

Central Hudson Payment Assistance Program:

Information will be left in the binder in the pantry. The brown binder in the pantry has information regarding services offered. The blue binder in the pantry has information regarding expiration dates of food products.

Food safety class reminder:

The class will take place on April 17th in Poughkeepsie. Jon Pon, Jeanne Tobin and Sharon Brilla will be attending.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) statistics:

Jlm provided a link to the SNAP statistics for our districts, which shows that just over 10% of households are on SNAP, & 10-11% of recipients have household income below the poverty level.

Other Topics:

We are out of additional keys for new members. Any member who is no longer handling clients, please return keys. We would like to recover keys before we make more. Christine will send out an email to members.

Ray Reilly may be moving out of the area. Ray manages the client database. Christine will be taking over from Ray.

Joyce closed the meeting at 8pm with the Our Father.