

St. Christopher Conference-Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2017

Group Adoration from 8:45 - 9:00

Meeting 9:00 in the Parish Center

District council web site: <http://www.svdpmadison.org/> National web site: <http://svdpusa.org/>

ATTENDEES: Ryan Zakrzewski, Joe Amato, Jolene Kenyon, Ken Kenyon, Deb LaBerge, Bill LaBerge, Marge Purcell, Mark Rayha

Opening Prayer -9:00

Pray for those we visited

Prayer intentions from the group

Spiritual Reflection: Ken- Providence - "I place my spirit - my soul - my body - and all that I am into Your blessed hands". Jesus I trust in You to take care of tomorrow, I will do my best today.

Minutes: January minutes are approved. Larry will take minutes in March as Deb is gone.

District Council Report for December - Ryan

\$1200 in utility (5 families) Paz, MG&E manager, out

1670 families served at the food pantry

398 clothing vouchers

52 furniture vouchers

16 pack and plays

526 prescriptions filled

47K in medicines

Little Drummer 26K, 215 families, 590 children

Stores down 1%, snow days, 246K seasonal sales

Donations are way up, Jan 11th, first Job Fair, 30 people came, hired 8

Largest bequest ever, over 900K

Sister Rosalie find is back! 10K donation + 50K

Revenue slightly under budget

Energy fund funded again!

Voice of the poor still accepting members

Financial Report/ Offering - Joe

\$500 sent to district from food drive

\$235.00 from Recycle the Warmth blanket drive

\$500 donation from CCW

Balance is \$3,500

Committee reports

Membership - Bill L. -no meeting

Social at LaBerge's - great time - 16 attended

Home Visits Reports:

Ken & Jolene - did 2 visits, one family had several small children and needed everything, the other missed meeting because she was in hospital having her baby, needed a pack and play which she got.

Joe & Lisa had one but client never confirmed

Larry & Sheila had 2 visits, one needed everything, the other was single man who needed a chair and couch but would wait till he moved.

Ryan & Laura did two energy visits

Old Business:

Thursday Meeting - Evicted Book Study, January - April - January meeting was an Introduction to author, short video clip, discussion, 11 people attended and Cathy S. did an excellent job leading

Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive had a full container , 6 people from our conference helped at stores and \$235.99 was collected.

Christmas Social was held at LaBerge's residence (Thank you Bill and Deb!)

SVdP File Cabinet from Kenyons - filled with regularly needed supplies, cash boxes, but no gas cards (Thank you Ken and Jolene!)

Vinnies Victors - Million Pound Challenge

<http://mpc.princetonclub.net/mpc-join-a-team.html>

New Business:

Youth Council Scholarship application is a fundraiser for SVdP college bound youth

Care Cafe is a 1 hour breakfast to bring businessmen/women together to inform them about the SVdP works in our community. Consider being a table Captain and invite businessmen.

The Regional Meeting is at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL June 22-24

Lenten Member Retreat is March 4, and the speaker is Jeanne Harper, Regional Vice-President

Ralph is our National President-elect for a 6 year term starting October 1, 2017. He will be working out of Madison and it is a volunteer position. Ernie will be transitioning in for him as our District Chair.

St. Maria Goretti has invited our Conference for a February 18 session outlining trends in affordable housing for our clients. Matt Wachter is presenting. He is a Housing Initiatives Specialist with the City of Madison, CDA. The session starts at 8:30 am followed by fellowship.

Voice of the Poor would like more new members.

All can help by going to the Capwiz link:

<http://capwiz.com/svdpusa/issues/alert/?alertid=74647626>

This link is easy to use to get our opinions out to politicians.

Haiti Adopt-a-Student Program is through SVdP. For \$200 school needs and one meal per day will be taken care of for one year for one student. St. Christopher SVdP Conference will sponsor two students in 2017. Joe will fill out the form and send a check.

Port St. Vincent - St. Christopher Conference is interested in helping with a meal once per month. We will work out the plan.

Other New Business:

Next food drive will be April 8. Ryan will speak to Davonna and have a March 25th bulletin announcement, Ken will get bags and they will be passed out April 1st, Larry will get the truck.

Closing Prayer- Meeting adjourned 10:00 am.

Calendar of SVdP - *CVC (Center for Vincentian Charity, Fish Hatchery)

February 18th - Housing initiatives information session- 8:30 am St. Maria Goretti

February 23rd - Voice of the Poor 5:30-7:00 pm. CVC (Jim)

February 27th - Rosalie Rendezvous 6:00 - 7:30 Location TBD

February 28th - District Council Meeting 6:45- CVC

March 4th - Lenten Member Retreat 9:00- noon CVC

March 11th - Conference Meeting 8:45 Adoration, Meeting 9:00 Parish Center

May 5th - Friday Care Cafe Fundraising B-fast 7:30 Alliant Energy Center

June 22-24th - Regional meeting St. Charles, IL