**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**St. Faustina Conference**

**Meeting Minutes**

**7-24-2021**

**Call To Order:** In attendance was Dave Scharett, John Morris, Don Carlson, Michael March, Lillian Faye, John Tighe, and Amy Whittaker. Zoom attendees were Annie Mason and Laura Morris.

**Spiritual Reflection:**

* Dave shared a message to remember to never judge a book by it’s cover, that we are all made in the image and likeness of God.
* John M added an experience visiting a poor family who had what appeared to be a very nice vehicle,
* Lillian observed how restaurant servers and customers often pass judgments
* Dave lead the group in the recitation of the Our Father

**Treasurer’s Report:** Don Carlson

* Bank balance: 10,136.69
* Outstanding check: 500.00
* Balance after most recent credit card bill: 9,494.48
* Gift Cards- 650.00 and Food Cards- 875.00
* Donations: 827.82
* Obligations include:

\*2,700.00, and 210.00 for liability insurance

\* 2000.00 for two scholarship awards yet to be dispersed

\* 500.00 for Great Expectations and 200.00 for Youth Conference

* Don asked for future Catholic Charity funds to be more detailed more records

**President’s Report**

* Changes in bylaws are ongoing to comply with National standards
* Liability Insurance has been paid
* Coats to Go: Saturday, Oct 6: 8am set up, 9:30-11:30 open to recipients, clean up to follow.

1. John mentioned using the parish center rather than outdoors in case of rain and that we should advertise this event
2. Volunteers needed
3. Perhaps a bulletin blurb?
4. Laura mentioned that we may consider including a church bulletin with the donations to inform recipients of the schedule and programs

* Coffee and Donuts: Oct. 3 start and to be held every other month on the first Sunday.

1. Someone to order Donuts on Thursday prior, pick up, get creamers and juice boxes and other necessary items
2. SVdP SFC Placemats to be redesigned and printed
3. Videos to play during these Donut days

* Messages from the Pulpit: September, November, January, March, May, July.

1. To include bulletin flyer, info about SVdP SFC
2. Highlighting SFC activities on 1st and 3rd Sundays

-Don Carlson inquired about the continuation of the Food Card fundraiser and it was determined that this program will be discontinued in a motion by Dave, seconded by John Morris.

-John M wanted to refine the outreach to needy families in a piggybacking approach to setting up a tent near food pantry distribution days and sites to register needy families interested in Coats to Go in an effort to take SFC to the needy, sparing them the trouble and expense of separate efforts for assistance

**Public Affairs:** Cathy Lee

* Walk for the Poor flyers to be placed
* 825.00 in donations so far, Goal: 2,000.
* Deadlines: Volunteers, Sponsors: Aug 15, T-Shirts Aug. 20
* Applications for walkers accepted up to very event day Sept. 18

**Friendly Visitations:** Amy Whittaker

* Addressing loneliness
* Mail outreach to begin as a soft launch
* Collaborate with phone lines to identify those who may be in need and interested
* Involve Connie Monastra, Bonnie Weber, Alice Foley, and Herman

**St. Vincent de Paul Youth Conference:** Cathy L

* Recruitment to start in September
* Dave to order pins

**Secretary’s Report:** Amy

* Minutes from last meeting approved
* Scholarship awards still to be determined
* Next Meeting: Aug. 14, 9:30 at parish center and zoom

**New Business:** Discussed throughout meeting

**Closing Prayer:** Dave

* Focus on Systemic Change
* “Teach a man to fish” ideology