**St. Vincent de Paul**

**St. Faustina Conference**

**Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2021**

Roll Call:

Zoom participants; Dave Scharett, Laura Morris, John Morris, Jim Walsh, Ann Ellis, Annie Mason, Don Carlson, John Tighe, John Buccagrossi, Michael March, Deanna Kau, Amy Whittaker, and Father Eversole.

Opening Prayer:

* Consider systemic change dynamics and the demonstration of community love
* Laura: Prayer for Children, Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Advisor:

* Father Eversole reflected on the action of the Holy Spirit, with Pentecost in mind, through the sacraments, especially in the transubstantiation of the Eucharist, which grants graces necessary for the evangelization of the gospel and the service of those in the community.

Treasurer’s Report:

* Don Carlson provided the following records:

-Current Balance 7,986.52

-Checks not cashed: 628.61

-1,095.76 Credit card balance

-6,292.15 ACTUAL balance

* Donations for March: 972.32
* Donations for April so far: 1,124.82
* Online donor option provided a new donor giving 500.00
* John Buccagrossi shared St. Faustina Conference (SFC) information with a friend at Angela’s Restaurant, Mr. Girolamo Amato, who graciously donated 500.00 AND offered to host a future fund raiser at his establishment to benefit the SFC.

Home Visitation Report:

* 31 cases
* 10 families assisted
* Catholic Charities: 1,950.00 in help; Have increased aid to 2,000.00 for rent or utilities through the efforts of Michael March
* SFC paid 3,315.51 in utility bills and 836.68 in rent aid, with 110.00 in additional help
* Please see slideshow for this meeting to review details regarding the federal American Rescue Plan funds to seek grants from the 1.6 billion federal funds offered for relief
* Dave will further research how to apply for grants and is seeking volunteers for help with this specific task.

President’s Report:

* Dave reports that 92 Easter Baskets were distributed on the day, with 60+ baskets delivered to celebrate and promote the message of Easter
* Great partnering with MANARC and KoC for this event
* New Member Nominees: Bonnie Webber by Dave Scharett, Andy Mullen by Ann Ellis. Both nominees were unanimously approved for membership and will be added to the SFC.

Public Affairs:

* Annie presented the extensive progress she and Cathy Lee have made to coordinate a walk for the poor, called Friends of The Poor Walk.
* Will be held on St. Matthew Grounds on September 25, 2021
* Wonderful webpage designed to secure participants and donations
* St. Faustina of FREDERICKSBURG will be beneficiary
* Teams or individuals can be formed and donations can be made from anyone anywhere, via credit card or check.
* Sponsors will be sought, T-shirts designed.

Friendly Visitors:

* Ann Ellis has discovered a secular training opportunity by Mental Health of America, which locally serves in the same capacity as visitation to isolated members of the greater community
* Emphasis that Friendly Visitor’s of SFC is NOT in conflict with Good Samaritan’s of St. Matthew because SFC Friendly Visitors will serve those outside of the parish
* COVID still an obstacle to launching this ministry

Secretary’s Report:

* Additional investigation into grants from federal funds
* Last minutes approved
* Next Meeting: April 17, 2021, Via Zoom, at 10:00.

New Business:

* Please refer to slide in slideshow for this meeting for more information
* Oregon Catholic Press (ocp.org) may be a potential grant opportunity
* COVID funeral aid available from Federal Government in amount of 9,000
* Unemployment tax regulations changed for relief in pandemic
* Dave will send slideshow to all members as well as have it attached to minutes on website
* Websites for Job Searches: Expanded list for clients

Closing Prayers:

* St. Joseph prayer; Annie will add this to website
* Laura reflected on the importance of St.Joseph in the Year of St. Joseph as well as the opportunity to participate in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the last Mass on Sunday
* John B. Expressed prayers for all members and thanks for all efforts

Meeting Adjourned